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Prices and Prospects.

CARCITY OF COKE MORE PRONOUNCED AS CONSUMPTION AT FURNACES INCREASES

rices Scale Upward With Sales at $3.00 and Better.

ABOR SUPPLY A BIG PROBLEM

ool Weather Has Not Brought Relief as Expected; Buyers Sound Out the Market for First Half; Operators Inclined to Make $3.00 Asking Price.

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PITTSBURG, Sept. 20.—The scarcity of coke has become even more pronounced. While there is little active inquiry in the market for spot furnace coke it is probable that the majority of consumers would prefer to secure some additional tonnage as a safeguard for the future, and it is probable that 15,000 or 25,000 tons additional production could be disposed of for a few weeks, at a fair price, in putting the furnaces in better position.

A slight increase in the consumption of coke is in progress, in keeping with the season. As cooler weather arrives the furnaces work much better and their output of pig iron increases. The consumption of coke does not increase in the same ratio, as with cooler weather the consumption of coke per ton of pig iron produced decreases, but not as rapidly as the tonnage increases. Furnace outputs in July and August were light, even lighter than usual in the summer months, while October outputs are always at a record rate.

There have been sales of coke for the past week or ten days at $2.85, but there is not always coke available at that figure, at least of standard brand, and there have been sales at $2.90 and $2.95, with reports also that $3.00 and even better has been done, so that the market is fairly quotable at a range of $2.85 to $3.00.

While there are occasional reports of car shortages it can be said in general that the car supply for coke shipments is ample, fully equal to the production that can be secured with the labor supply available. Beyond all question the controlling influence is the supply of labor. Contrary to expectations the condition as to labor has not eased off with the more moderate temperature and labor supply is a greater problem with most operators than it was a month ago. The trend is unfavorable, and there may be more trouble later. The usual expectation is that when the weather becomes so bad as to curtail outside construction work and work on the roads that there will be an accretion of labor in the coke region, but this prospect is uncertain.

Several furnace interests have begun to sound the market quietly as to coke supplies for the first half of the new year, apparently prompted to take an interest in the market prospects thus early by the reports that coke operators were not considering any prices under $2.75 for the new half-year. There is scarcely any formal inquiry as yet but it is plain that buyers are beginning to become interested. As there is plenty of time left it is not improbable that they will watch the market for soft spots. As pig iron is now being sold freely for delivery in the first half of the new year furnaces have an incentive to take hold.

Several weeks ago some of the operators intimated that as conditions were breaking in the spot market they would be indisposed to consider seriously any price below $2.75 for the first half. Lately some coke operators have expressed the view that the dickering should open with an asking price of $3.00, but the presumption is that if such a price were named it would be subject to modification under the stress of actual negotiation, so that $2.75 seems to be a fair quotable figure as the most likely price at which early contracts will be closed. Of late in quoting the contract market, which has really been nominal, it has been necessary to give some weight to the prices recently done on the present half year's business, in some cases $2.50 or even lower, but with almost three months of the half year gone such figures have no weight in considering the situation. Even the operators who sold at $2.50 for the half year would demand more for the last quarter, with its usual uncertainties when winter starts. The contract market is therefore quotable at $2.75 as a fair appraisal, instead of the nominal quotation of $2.50 to $2.75 hitherto given in these reports.

The foundry coke market is strong but is not overly active. There is a fair run of buying for spot and prompt delivery, but there is only occasional contracting. The market as a whole now stands quotable as follows:

Spot furnace	$2.85@$3.00
Contract furnace	$2.75
Spot foundry	$3.25@$3.50
Contract foundry	$3.25@$3.50

There has been a fairly large business done in basic pig iron the past week, estimates of sales in this general territory ranging from 25,000 to 50,000 tons. There was considerable business done at $18.25, Valley, with some reported at $18.50 while on the other hand it is understood that about 10,000 tons was picked up at only a shade over $18.00. The market is fair quotable at an advance of 25 cents, or at $18.25 to $18.50, and in some quarters the prediction is made that the next sales will be at $19.00. While the market has advanced fractionally, the showing is not particularly favorable as to its general strength, for the reason that until very lately sales were only for the remainder of this year, whereas now the furnaces have been selling for the first half of next year at a smaller advance than was predicted, and they may soon find that they have mortgaged the first half to a large extent without securing much of an advance after all. There is some export inquiry for basic, the first for some time, while the export demand for Bessemer continues. There is a fair movement in foundry iron, with prices gradually hardening. Basic is quotable at a 25-cent advance, other grades being not quotably changed, as follows:

Bessemer	$21.00@$21.50
Basic	$18.25@$18.50
No. 2 foundry	$18.50@$18.75
Malleable	$18.50@$18.75
Gray forge	$18.00@$18.25

These prices are f. o. b. Valley, prices delivered Pittsburg being higher by the 95-cent freight.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment, are as follows, per net ton of 2,000 pounds.

Destination.	Rate
Baltimore	$1.80
Buffalo	1.85
Canton	1.40
Chicago	2.50
Cleveland	1.60
Columbus	1.65
Detroit	2.10
E. St. Louis	2.80
Erie	1.65
Harrisburg	1.70
Joliet	2.50
Louisville	2.50
Milwaukee	2.85
New York	2.85
Philadelphia	2.05
Pittsburg	.75
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.80
Pottstown	1.95
Reading	1.85
Richmond, Va.	2.94
South Bethlehem	2.00
Swedeland, Pa.	2.00
Toledo, O.	1.85
Wheeling	1.20
Valley Points	1.20

STEEL MARKET GROWS STRONGER

Mills Accept Specific Tonnage Orders Rather Than Make Open Contracts; Production Is Increasing

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

The steel market has continued to grow stronger. The mills are accepting obligations mainly in the case of specific tonnages, there being relatively little making of open contracts, and in some branches of the trade there is scarcely any business being done, the mills being filled already for the period they are willing to consider. Thus in the case of sheets and tin plates books have not been opened for the first half of 1917. Nevertheless the total obligations on mill books do not seem to decrease to any noticeable extent.

Steel production is increasing, with greatly improved weather conditions and nearly all the mills expect next month to make a new record for a month's production. The increasing steel shipments have not apparently reduced the pressure for deliveries and the majority of mills are having difficulty in arranging satisfactory delivery schedules with their customers.

Woven wire fence has been advanced one and a half points or about $2.50 per net ton. Total advances in official prices on this movement have been $25 on plain wire, $22 on nails and $22 on fence, but some of the official quotations on wire products have become nominal, there being no sellers at premiums.

Fourth quarter sheet bars on regular contracts are expected to show an advance of $2 a ton over the third quarter prices. A larger advance had been predicted. In the open market unfinished steel remains extremely scarce.

The coke market has stiffened somewhat as to prompt, on account of greater labor scarcity, and operators are talking $2.75 to $3.00 on first half contracts.

The activity in basic pig iron in the central west has now extended to first half deliveries, but the market appears to be up only about 25 cents, failing to bear out most of the recent predictions.

New Operation on M. R. R.

The South Pittsburg Coal Company, organized by Marsell Jolliffe, J. W. Poling, Seymour McIntyre, Bruce Hite and M. W. Ogden of Fairmont, is developing a tract of 140 acres of coal at Round Bottom, Monongalia county, W. Va., on the Monongahela railroad.

Make Cash Offer.

A Philadelphia syndicate has made a cash offer of $3,500,000 for the properties of the Thomas Iron Company, at Easton, Pa.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING SEPT. 16, 1916.				WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	20,859	18,055	2,804	220,872	20,859	17,091	2,868	213,698
Lower Connellsville	17,553	14,694	2,859	172,575	17,593	14,641	2,952	170,676
Totals	38,412	32,749	5,663	393,447	38,452	32,632	5,820	384,374
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	16,984	14,729	2,255	181,375	16,984	14,665	2,319	176,583
Lower Connellsville	5,826	4,830	996	57,534	5,826	4,815	1,011	56,972
Totals	22,810	19,559	3,251	238,909	22,810	19,480	3,330	233,555
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	3,875	3,326	548	39,497	3,875	3,326	549	37,115
Lower Connellsville	11,727	9,864	1,863	115,041	11,767	9,826	1,941	113,704
Totals	15,602	13,190	2,412	154,538	15,642	13,152	2,490	150,819

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING SEPT. 16, 1916.	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1916.
To Pittsburg	4,070 Cars.	4,239 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,646 Cars.	5,542 Cars
To Points East of the Region	1,349 Cars.	1,366 Cars
Totals	11,065 Cars.	11,147 Cars

SHIPMENTS OF COAL PROMISE TO BOOST TRAFFIC ON RIVER

Tonnage Will Exceed That of the Palmy Days on the Monongahela.

NEW RIVER TIPPLES BUILDING

Old Structures Being Remodeled for Loading Barges; LaBelle Coke Company, W. Harry Brown, H. C. Frick Coke Co. Preparing to Ship Largely.

The shipment of coal by barge down the Monongahela river promises to develop into an industry of such importance that many old river men see in it revival of river traffic on a scale exceeding that of boom times of 25 or 30 years ago. It is not expected that there will be that diversity of traffic which then made the river a busy thoroughfare but in volume of movement the shipment of coal bids fair to be much geater than has ever before originated in the upper pools.

While there has recently been only a limited increase in the number of coal mining operations on the river, there is a decided activity in adapting existing plants to river shipments. This applies almost wholly to plants which have been producing coke and the change in operating procedure is one of the results of the growing demand for coal for use in the by-product ovens. The plants so affected are located in the Lower Connellsville region and for most part are in the Fifth and Sixth Pools.

As stated in these columns recently W. Harry Brown is already making shipments from his Alicia No. 2 mine on the Greene county side near Lock No. 7. A new steel tipple is in course of erection and mine development is in progress with a view to obtaining a daily output of 3,000 tons. There being no railroad at this point all shipments will be made by river to the coal storage plant at Alicia No. 1, or direct to down river points. For some time past the Consolidated Coke Company has been shipping 2,500 to 3,000 tons a week from their Donald No. 3 mine near Gray's Landing, also in the Sixth Pool, for some months. A considerably larger tonnage has been going out by river from the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company near the mouth of Middle run in the same pool.

At LaBelle in the Fifth Pool the LaBelle Coke Company is preparing to make river shipments of coal to the by-product coking plant now being built at Follansbee, W. Va., by its parent company the LaBelle Steel Company. A river tipple is being erected at a point on the south bank of the river immediately opposite the tipple which is used to handle coal from the mine to the coke ovens. The ice breakers located some distance up stream, built out of the choicest surfaced yellow pine lumber, 12x12 inches, have been completed. The piling in the river and the foundations on the shore for the tipple have been completed for sometime and work is now in progress on the tipple superstructure. At present the output of the mine averages about 800 tons a day. When the river loading tipple is completed the output will be increased to 1,200 to 1,500 tons per day through additions to the mine working force. After the by-product plant is completed and operating to full capacity there is a possibility that making coke will be abandoned at LaBelle and the mine operation confined to producing coal for the by-product plant at Follansbee.

The Hecla Coke Company, owners and operators of the Isabella coking plant at Isabella in the Sixth Pool has been considering the advisability of entering the river shipping trade in coal. No public announcement has yet been made of their intentions or to what extent the plans, if in preparation, have been perfected.

A short distance south of Alicia No. 1 mine, and on the Washington county side of the river, construction work on a new steel river tipple for the Vesta Coal Company is well advanced. The output, like that from Vesta No. 5 near Frederickton, a few miles farther south, will be shipped in barges to the coking plants of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company at Hazelwood and Aliquippa.

The steel tipple at the Bridgeport mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, near South Brownsville, was originally designed and built for river loading as well as rail and also for coke oven supply. The river portion of the tipple was not equipped at the time of the erection but for some weeks past a force of men has been engaged in installing a belt conveyor and other machinery to handle the coal for barge loading. The company has made application to the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania for permission to dredge the river to give the necessary depth for the movement of barges to and from the tipple. This request has been referred to the South Brownsville council for approval. Before the present owners acquired this property it was operated as the Newton mine at one time under the superintendence of the late William Seddon. Coal was then shipped by river only. When the mine was requipped and coke ovens built shipments of coal by river ceased. The river channel has not been used in the meantime and has become filled in near the bank, hence the necessity for dredging.

Preparations are in progress at this plant to increase the mine output by the time river shipments can be commenced, through the employment of a larger number of miners. A row of tenement houses is now being constructed in Newtown to take care of the additional employes that will be required. The Brownsville Telegraph states that the equipment and repairs of the Bridgeport tipple will be completed by spring when the entire output of the mine will be shipped by river.

The same authority says that one of the most novel river loading installations will be at the Alice mine below Newell in the Fourth Pool. This mine, which has been almost wholly worked out by the Pittsburg Coal Company, was acquired by the H. C. Frick Coke Company some months ago and will now be utilized as a river outlet for coal to be mined in the Colonial mines at Grindstone and other coal acquired in the neighborhood and hauled underground to the river tipple at Alice. Since the purchase of this mine the Pittsburg Coal Company has continued operations in it under an arrangement with the purchaser whereby the latter will come into possession of the property when plans and events have progressed to that stage where the loading of coal at the Alice tipple becomes necessary. The old workings of the Alice mine are in close proximity to those of Colonial No. 4 mine. When connected the course for a permanent underground haulage to the Alice tipple will be thus provided.

In connection with these river loading preparations at Bridgeport and Alice it is assumed that the product is intened to be shipped to the by-product coking plant now in course of construction at Clairton. When completed this will form the largest installation of the kind in the world, and will require an enormous daily tonnage of coal to supply the ovens. Contracts have already been let for the construction of a fleet of 70 barges and a specially designed steamer to carry coal down the river to the coking plant. The Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania has granted permission to the Clairton By-product Company, the subsidiary corporation which will operate the plant, to dredge the river channel and to construct a wharf and two coal hoists on the left bank of the river at Clairton where the barges will be unloaded.

Other river coal loading plans are said to be in preparation or in contemplation which have not yet advanced to completion. Altogether it is certain that the river tonnage of coal will increase during the course of the next year or two to an enormous total. Practically all of it will come out of the Lower Connellsville region and most of it from mines now in operation. Plans are already under consideration to provide increased output and doubtless new openings will be made at several points.

NORTHERN REGION TRADE CONDITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY

Demand is Good and Prices Hold Firm With Upward Trend.

COAL DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

And is Much Greater Than the Supply of Cars for That Branch of Trade. Coke Car Supply Keeps up to 100% of Operating and Shipping Needs.

On the whole trade and operating conditions are satisfactory in the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg-Connellsville districts. Demand continues good and prices hold to the mark maintained for sometime past with a decided stiffening tendency.

Coke car supply holds close to 100% but difficulty is sometimes experienced in securing the particular type of car needed for certain destinations. Coal demand is in excess of supply, and very much in excess of coal car supply.

Shipments in tons from the two districts for the week ending Saturday, September 16th, were as follows:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn.	7,864	10,110	18,104
Greensburg	10,297	8,282	18,579
Totals	18,261	18,422	36,683

Compared with the previous week shipments sustained a loss of 4,337 tons, of which Western shipments contributed a decrease of 4,051 tons and Eastern shipments 286 tons.

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in net tons for 1916 to date:

Week Ending	Upper C'ville.	Greens'bg C'ville.	Total Ton
Jan. 1	20,753	19,695	40,448
Jan. 8	19,372	18,340	37,712
Jan. 15	25,104	18,912	44,016
Jan. 22	19,460	16,988	36,448
Jan. 29	23,139	19,139	42,278
Feb. 5	25,711	18,568	43,279
Feb. 12	26,127	22,079	48,206
Feb. 19	24,341	19,002	43,343
Feb. 26	29,431	16,921	46,352
Mar. 4	26,502	18,134	44,636
Mar. 11	24,447	16,871	41,318
Mar. 18	22,734	20,471	43,205
Mar. 25	34,220	21,480	55,700
April 1	29,809	18,158	47,967
April 8	26,217	17,277	43,494
April 15	18,813	20,710	39,523
April 22	26,449	15,560	42,009
April 29	20,121	15,687	35,808
May 6	18,217	16,207	34,514
May 13	17,779	18,588	36,367
May 20	22,287	17,076	39,363
May 27	21,955	18,970	40,925
June 3	22,876	17,944	40,820
June 10	23,927	17,260	41,187
June 17	17,200	15,581	32,781
June 24	21,481	17,767	39,248
July 1	21,513	15,548	37,061
July 8	17,560	16,494	34,054
July 15	18,196	18,416	36,612
July 22	22,591	19,559	42,150
July 29	19,497	17,823	37,320
Aug. 5	18,846	17,246	36,092
Aug. 12	16,253	21,413	37,666
Aug. 19	18,669	19,831	38,500
Aug. 26	22,969	16,926	39,895
Sept 2	22,332	19,891	42,223
Sept 9	22,995	18,025	41,020
Sept 16	18,104	18,579	36,683

The output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions for 1916 was consigned by weeks and tons of 2,000 pounds as follows:

Week.	East	West.	Total
Jan 1	20,097	20,351	40,448
Jan. 8	13,594	24,118	37,712
Jan. 15	17,689	26,327	44,016
Jan. 22	17,611	18,837	36,448
Jan 29	19,434	22,844	42,278
Feb. 5	19,719	23,560	43,279
Feb. 12	22,350	25,856	48,206
Feb. 19	19,698	23,645	43,343
Feb. 26	18,807	27,547	46,352
Mar. 4	18,304	26,332	44,636
Mar. 11	17,672	23,646	41,318
Mar. 18	21,872	21,333	43,205
Mar. 25	24,888	30,812	55,700
April 1	17,993	29,974	47,967
April 8	16,377	27,117	43,494
April 15	18,709	20,814	39,523
April 22	18,609	23,400	42,009
April 29	15,811	19,997	35,808
May 6	15,917	18,597	34,514
May 13	18,788	17,579	36,367
May 20	18,107	21,256	39,363
May 27	19,957	20,968	40,925
June 3	15,762	25,058	40,820
June 10	16,181	25,006	41,187
June 17	13,018	19,763	32,781
June 24	15,971	23,277	39,248
July 1	14,680	22,681	37,361
July 8	13,833	20,221	34,054
July 15	13,894	22,718	36,612
July 22	15,858	26,292	42,150
July 29	15,592	21,728	37,320
Aug. 5	15,268	20,824	36,092
Aug. 12	20,262	17,404	37,666
Aug. 19	16,750	21,750	38,500
Aug. 28	17,664	22,231	39,895
Sept 2	20,693	21,530	42,223
Sept. 9	18,547	22,473	41,020
Sept. 16	18,261	18,422	36,683

Production and Output.

CAR SHORTAGE CUTS COAL SHIPMENTS BUT MOVEMENT OF COKE INCREASES

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

A scarcity of coal cars cut down the shipments of coal from the Connellsville region last week about 70,000 tons, but coke shipments increased 10,000 tons. There is practically a full supply of coke cars but coal cars are reported to be but 65 to 70% of the requirements. Connellsville operators are realizing that coal cars are never available when profitable prices for coal are plentiful. The combined movement of coal and coke from the region was 609,000 tons, equivalent to 538,000 tons of coke, as compared with an equivalent of 552,000 tons the previous week. Coke production was 393,000 tons and shipments 396,300 tons, indicating that some stock was needed to fill out consumers' requirement for the week. Labor conditions show no improvement as was expected upon the advent of cooler weather.

Prices have stiffened, sales being reported up to $2.95@$3.00, and even better. The tendency is plainly upward rather than downward. Furnace men are sounding out the market for first half but no general inquiries are out. There is a disposition among operators to fix $3.00 as the asking price for furnace coke for first half and generally to hold to a high level on all grades.

Some Stock Lifted to Meet the Needs of Consumers for the Week.

LABOR CONDITIONS NO BETTER

Little Assurance That They Will be Materially Improved Even When the Winter Season Has Arrived; Region Running to 86.7% of Its Capacity.

The Connellsville coke trade shows an increase of 10,000 tons in shipments last week but the coal business indicates a falling off of over 70,000 tons, the equivalent of approximately 48,000 tons of beehive oven coke. This has been due to scarcity of coal cars, which are reported to be but 65 to 70% efficient as against a practically full supply of cars for the coke trade. Connellsville coke operators are realizing that coal cars are always impossible when profitable prices are plentiful. The total coke business of last week approximated 396,000 tons, which was several thousand tons more than was turned out at the ovens, some being lifted from the yards. The operators are running 85.3% of their ovens to 86.7% of their capacity.

The total output of coal and coke for the week ending Saturday, September 16th was 609,000 tons, the coke equivalent of which was 538,000 tons. The total output of the previous week was 627,000 tons, equivalent to 552,000 tons, showing a loss in total movement of 18,000 tons.

Labor conditions have not greatly changed for the better as was expected with the advent of cooler weather. The number of men available remains practically the same and there are no present indications that any considerable accession will be made until the winter weather sets in, and there is little assurance that considerable improvement will take place then. The operators realize that large increases in output will not be possible without more men can be found, hence entertain no fear of a slump in market due to overproduction.

Coke production for the week ending Saturday, September 16th, aggregated 393,447 tons of which the merchant operators made 154,538 tons and the furnace ovens 238,909 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 220,872 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 172,575 tons. Compared with the previous week this shows a gain of 9,073 tons, 5,354 at the furnace ovens and 3,719 tons at the merchant ovens.

Six days was the running time of the region. The furnace interest operated 85.7% of its ovens, a slight gain over the previous week. The merchant operators ran 84.5% of their ovens, a fractional loss from the previous week. There were 154 ovens fired up and 37 blown out during the week, making a net gain of 117 in the active list, 77 of which were at furnace plants. Ovens were fired at Adelaide, Leisenring No. 2, Leith, Lemont No. 1, Shoaf, Footdale, Lambert, Leckrone, Edna, Washington and Republic and blown out at Wynn, Edenborn and Poland. The number of available ovens in the region was reduced to 38,413 by the abandonment of 10 at Solon.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, September 16th, aggregated 11,065 cars carrying 396,307 tons, consigned as follows:

Destinations	Cars	Tons.
Pittsburg District	4,070	145,607
West of Pittsburg	5,646	205,348
East of Connellsville	1,349	45,352

Compared with the previous week this shows a gain of 12,094 tons. Pittsburg shipments showed a gain of 5,951 tons. Western shipments gained 20,730 tons as compared with a loss of 28,443 tons during the preceding week. Eastern shipments by falling off 2,685 tons dropped about 5,000 tons under its recent weekly average of 50,000 tons.

The record of production and output for 1916 to date by weeks is shown in the following tabulation:

Week	Fur.	Mer.	Total.	Ship.
Jan 1	219,412	160,266	379,678	343,573
Jan 8	251,294	178,674	429,968	431,644
Jan. 15	248,594	171,927	420,521	410,189
Jan 22	242,514	158,292	400,806	382,144
Jan 29	255,576	187,040	442,616	442,598
Feb. 5	251,457	181,695	432,152	420,686
Feb 12	263,781	177,528	441,309	432,456
Feb 19	259,802	158,185	417,287	394,190
Feb 26	265,190	180,070	445,260	437,838
Mar 4	264,100	180,242	444,342	438,038
Mar. 11	268,991	188,908	457,894	463,244
Mar 18	252,208	179,851	432,059	429,768
Mar 25	270,192	189,276	459,468	456,837
Apl. 1	275,804	201,191	476,995	476,924
Apl 8	268,457	197,207	465,664	465,475
Apl 15	270,703	192,217	462,920	454,395
Apl 22	261,570	184,650	446,220	452,072
Apl 29	247,430	159,870	407,300	400,262
May 6	249,000	162,200	411,200	410,429
May 13	263,638	177,040	440,678	440,077
May 20	259,841	174,600	434,441	434,190
May 27	258,355	178,457	436,812	437,091
Jun 3	259,561	172,311	431,872	431,235
Jun 10	246,069	159,735	405,804	408,383
Jun 17	271,268	181,908	453,176	453,630
Jun 24	246,365	171,175	417,540	420,709
Jul 1	251,700	171,850	423,550	437,016
July 8	212,430	147,140	359,570	362,692
July 15	248,496	169,520	418,016	417,247
July 22	244,090	169,190	413,280	412,021
July 29	245,117	171,938	417,055	417,807
Aug 5	235,400	158,800	394,200	394,047
Aug 12	240,890	162,450	403,340	401,577
Aug 19	240,025	168,035	408,060	408,179
Aug 26	240,310	157,185	397,495	398,969
Sept 2	278,890	132,220	401,110	403,984
Sept 9	233,555	150,819	384,374	384,213
Sept 16	238,909	154,538	393,447	396,307

COAL ROAD BUYS RIGHT OF WAY

Competitor of the Wheeling & Eastern Get Down to Business on Line From Wheeling to Marianna.

Work on the Wheeling Coal railroad, which is to be built by the Pennsylvania railroad to compete with the proposed Wheeling & Eastern, has progressed so far in the neighborhood of West Finley, Washington county, that there is very little doubt of the intention of the company to push the line to completion. About $75,000 has been spent so far. Forty men have been engaged two months in securing rights of way and other preliminary work.

Five properties have been bought between Majorsville, W. Va., and Burdette, Washington county, making about 70 per cent of the right of way secured between Elm Grove and Burdette. The line will leave Wheeling over the Wheeling Terminal railroad's property, pass up Big Wheeling creek to Elm Grove and on up the creek to Burdette. There it will pass on to Old Concord, Prosperity and Marianna, while the Wheeling & Eastern will turn off at Burdette and go through Waynesburg.

The Wheeling Coal road will have access to Waynesburg through the standardization of the Waynesburg & Washington tracks from the point of their intersection.

It is planned to double track the Grove to Burdette and a right of way from 60 to 200 feet in width is being bought. The distance between Wheeling and Marianna will be shortened from 125 to 54 miles by its construction.

BY-PRODUCT PRICES

Showing an Upward Trend Especially for Explosive Materials.

The market for the principal coke oven by-products is showing a decided upward tendency, particularly those used in the manufacture of explosives.

Present spot prices are as follows: Pure benzol, 68@87 cents, toluol, peace uses, $3@$3.50; toluol, war uses, $3.50@$4.00; solvent naptha, 35 cents, per gallon at producers' plant. Contract prices are within very close range to spot prices.

Phenol, spot shipment, commands 60 cents and contract, 55@60 cents, per pound at plant. Sulphate of ammonia, spot, $3.68@$3.72, per 100 pounds at seaboard.

COKE FOR HEATING.

Is Being Much More Generally Used, Principally in Households.

According to the United States Geological Survey nearly 2,000,000 tons of coke from beehive and by-product ovens were used in 1915 for heating purposes, mainly domestic. For heating, particularly in household furnaces, it possesses many advantages and is said to be coming rapidly into favor.

In a general way it has the composition and heating value of anthracite, having the advantage of not clinkering and of igniting more easily.

Coal Restored to Entry.

Restoration to entry of nearly 475,000 acres, heretofore included in coal land withdrawals in New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, is announced by Secretary Lane. Of the total 321,000 acres are in Wyoming and 113,000 acres in New Mexico.

B. & O. Emergency Hospital.

An emergency hospital has been fitted up in the general office building of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Baltimore to care for the 2,500 employes in the building.

Plant Extension.

The Youngstown Iron & Steel Company has announced the expenditure of about $75,000 has been authorized for an extension to the pressed steel department.

To Build New Steel Mill.

Engineers are at work staking off the site of a new steel mill to be erected by Follansbee Brothers at Follansbee, W. Va.

BLASTING COAL FROM THE SOLID IS PERMISSIBLE

Only Where It Has Been the Common Usage of the District.

ONE MINE DON'T MAKE CUSTOM

Proviso of the Mining Law Means Just What it Says and Must be Strictly Construed to Best Serve Its Purpose Says Deputy Attorney Gen. Collins.

Deputy Attorney General Collins, upon request of James E. Roderick, Chief of the Department of Mines for an opinion as to what would constitute "common practice" under that proviso of the 9th Section, Article IV of the bituminous mining laws of the state, which permits the blasting of coal from the solid to be continued "in districts in which it has been the common practice," decides that this proviso "applies only where the common usage throughout the district has followed that method and does not apply where it was merely the usage of one or a few mines."

"A common practice, within the meaning of the Act," says Deputy Collins, "must have been a practice prevailing at the time of the passage of the Act, general, uniform and common to all the mines of any given district. It must have constituted the common and ordinary usage of such district. It could not be presumed from isolated instances.

"It would not be sufficient to constitute a common practice of blasting from the solid if that had been the method of merely one mine of the district, however long continued, or if merely the usage of some of the mines. To come within the permission of the Act the practice must have been the common method or usage of the district. In short, the term, as used in the Act, must be understood as intended to mean literally and precisely what it says. It is so apt in itself to express the legislative intention as to render a definition of it unnecessary.

"This proviso must be given a strict construction. It excepts certain cases from the general provision of the Act. It is a settled rule in the interpretations of statutes that a proviso taking cases out of the general enactment must be given a strict construction and only such cases are to be held as coming within such proviso as are plainly and clearly within it.

"Whether the practice of blasting from the solid in any particular instance would measure up to the test of amounting to the 'common practice' of the district would depend upon the facts."

Deputy Attorney General Collins interprets that paragraph in Section 14, Article IV, which prescribes that all workmen except the shot-firers shall be out of the mine when coal is blasted from the solid, as not being limited to mines or portions thereof in which explosive gas is generated. "The fact that the first paragraph of this section expressly applies to mines or portions of mines in which explosive gas is generated," says Deputy Collins, "is insufficient to raise a necessary implication that the second paragraph thereof is to be narrowed in its application to mines or portions of mines in which such gas is generated. If it had been the legislative intent thus to narrow the extent of the second paragraph, it may be presumed such intent would have been voiced in express terms and not left to inference. We must take the enactment as we find it and not read something into it which is not there.

"The Act is to be interpreted in the light and in the furtherance of its purposes. One of these is to safeguard the miner against the recognized hazards of blasting from the solid. A literal rather than a restricted meaning of this second paragraph of Section 14 would the more fully tend to serve that purpose, and it would be unsafe to depart from its plain import. To imply a limitation upon it might defeat, in some cases, the purposes of the Act."

More Southern Negroes Imported.

One hundred or more negroes from Southern points have been brought to Monessen to work in the plant of the Pittsburg Steel Company. This is but one of the many importations of labor made to the Monongahela valley during the summer.

BUREAU WILL EXTEND SCOPE

Health Conservation of Other Workers Than Mine Employes to be Given Attention by Experts.

The United States Bureau of Mines, which has in the past been mainly interested in the reduction of deaths by accidents among men connected with the mining industries, has broadened its scope to include the health of men and has just issued a report on health conservation at steel mills. The report is the result of a co-operative agreement between Director Van H. Manning, of the Bureau of Mines and the Public Health Service, the latter assigning J. A. Watkins to the task.

"The importance of the prevention of disease among workers can be realized from the fact that the average loss of time due to illness among approximately 30,000,000 workers in the United States is nine days a year," says Surgeon Watkins. "If medical attention be estimated at $1 a day and earnings at $2 a day this loss amounts to $880,000,000."

At some length the report deals with various matters which it is considered are necessary to conserve the health of steelworkers. Among the subjects are those relating to system of medical supervision, with a full time physician employed to see that injured workmen are cared for properly, that the health of workmen is watched carefully, and to make physical examination of employes. The matter of personal hygiene is also given prominence, as are also questions relating to proper lighting systems. Methods to avoid fatigue are suggested, and it is indicated from the report that shorter hours in some branches of industry would add to efficiency and at the same time conserve the health of the workmen.

SAFETY FIRST IN MOVIES

Frick Coke Company Giving Films of Realistic Scenes.

In furtherance of its Safety First campaign the H. C. Frick Coke Company is giving a series of entertainments at different points throughout the coke region. These consist of moving pictures designed to reproduce, in realistic fashion, the various accidents occurring in and about the mines, within the past year or two together with demonstrations as to the manner by which the accidents might have been avoided.

The pictures show both how accidents happen through carelessness of employes or disregard of simple safety rules, followed by other pictures illustrating the right way of doing things and how accidents can be avoided. The pictures were prepared specially for the company.

C. L. Albright, manager of the Safety First work of the company, is in charge of the demonstrations. The pictures are explained by him as they are thrown upon the screen thereby tending to make the lessons they teach very forceful and impressive.

INCREASING OPERATIONS

Connellsville Men Developing New Mines in Indian Creek Valley.

A charter was granted last week to the Connellsville Indian Creek Coal Company with an authorized capital of $6,000. The incorporators are Henry A. Porter, K. K. Kramer and J. M. Grey, all of Connellsville.

The operations of the new company will be located between Mill Run Junction and White Bridge on the Indian Creek Valley railroad. Preliminary work is now in progress with a view to making a mine opening and erecting a tipple in time to begin coal shipments this fall.

The parties interested in this enterprise already conduct an operation at Indian Head which is producing 10 or more cars per week.

WESTERN UNION WIRES

Will be Used by the P. R. R. After 15 Years Exclusion.

After 15 years exclusion from the patronage of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Western Union Telegraph Company is once again to do business with the great railroad corporation.

The Western Union, which once did all the telegraph business for the Pennsylvania railroad, lost the contract during the presidency of the late Alexander J. Cassatt, who, after an angry difference with the Western Union officials, ordered that all the corporation's poles along the lines of the Pennsylvania system be cut down.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Sept. 16, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS.	
200	200	Acme	W J Rainey	New York
80	.....	Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
150	80	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
80	80	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
32	.....	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
40	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
40	38	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
200	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York
126	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York
10	.....	Franklin	Summit-Conn. Coke Co	Connellsville
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
116	116	Grace	W J Rainey	New York
8	8	Helen	Samuel J Lohr	Youngwood
145	145	Humphrey	Rossmer Coke Co	Pittsburg
42	.....	Jimtown	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38	.....	Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
20	.....	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
84	.....	Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
880	310	Mt. Braddock	W J Rainey	New York
310	210	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
50	50	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	180	Paul	W J Rainey	New York
95	80	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York
550	518	Revere	W J Rainey	New York
36	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
40	38	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
57	48	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
3875	3705		FURNACE OVENS.	
260	240	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	.....	Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
307	300	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	75	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
280	244	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
76	60	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	320	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
338	338	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
280	.....	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	280	Hecla No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
308	308	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
499	400	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	430	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	400	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	285	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	195	Lemont No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	350	Lemont No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
509	470	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	346	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
195	125	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
256	256	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
325	300	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	277	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
448	370	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	100	Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
448	402	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
425	400	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	120	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	135	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
901	800	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
80	80	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
484	420	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
380	380	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	.....	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
94	94	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	285	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	460	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
246	246	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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10x5 x12	102 gals.	500 H. P.	1¼	1½	3	2½	1600

DOUBLE PLUNGE MINE

Size	Capacity	Will Supply	Steam	Exhaust	Suction	Discharge	Weight
10x5 x12	102 gals.		1¼	1½	3	2½	1600
10x6 x12	147 gals.		1¼	1½	4	3	2100

PISTON MINE

Size	Capacity	Will Supply	Steam	Exhaust	Suction	Discharge	Weight
10x5 x12	102 gals.		1¼	1½	3	2½	

DEEP WELL

Size	Steam	Exhaust	Plunger	Bucket
6x12	¾	1	1⅞ to 3 in.	2¾ to 4¼ in.
6x24	¾	1	1⅞ to 3 in.	2¾ to 4¼ in.

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TASK TO CREATE INDUSTRIES

Cheap Raw Materials and Power and Steady Markets are Essential; The Great Annual Waste at the Beehive Ovens Plants of Southern Fields.

In a special number of the Manufacturers Record C E Lesher geologist in charge of coal and coke statistics United States Geological Survey' contributes an interesting and informing paper on The By-Product Coking Industry in the South' Reviewing the progress that has been made in the production of dye-making materials in the United States since the outbreak of the European war, the author calls attention to the fact that in 1915 benzol and similar oils were recovered from coal at 30 by-product coke plants and more than 16 600 000 gallons were produced Four of the 30 plants, are in the Birmingham district, and from those four plants between 15 and 20 per cent of the benzol from coal gas was obtained in 1915 Two of the plants are operated by the Semet-Solvay Company one of 50 ovens for the Central Iron & Coal Company at Tuscaloosa Ala the other of 240 ovens for the Tennessee Coal Iron & Railroad Company, at Ensley Ala. The last-mentioned company also owns and operates 280 Koppers ovens at Fairfield, and the Woodward Iron Company owns 170 Koppers ovens at Woodward These plants are all in the Birmingham coal and iron district and within short distances of the city of Birmingham

These Solvay plants have been equipped for the recovery of benzol from the gas for a number of years The Tennessee Coal Iron & Railroad Company, erected in 1915 a large complete and permanent benzol plant at a cost, it is reported of $1,000 000, and begun the production of benzol about October 1 When shortly after the beginning of the war Thomas A Edison found his supply of certain chemicals, as phenol or carbolic acid shut off, he promptly planned to render himself independent in that regard, and built two benzol plants one in connection with the coke plant at Woodward, Ala and the other in Pennsylvania. The Woodward Iron Company shortly thereafter erected a plant of its own to recover the oils from the gas not treated by Edison, and began operations about the first of June, 1915.

The recovery of benzol is but incidental to the main purpose of coke ovens, namely to supply coke to iron furnaces Benzol and its homologues in turn, except for their use as motor fuel are but the raw materials the starting point in the chemical industry There are about 10 oils as benzine, toluene xylene etc, that can be obtained directly from the crude light oil washed from coke-oven gas From these basic oils a long line of chemical products are made—hundreds in fact——including not only the dyestuffs, but also explosives, medicines and photographic chemicals

No one realizes more fully than the modern chemical engineer the task that confronts those who attempt to establish such industries in new fields Raw materials cheap power and markets are essential Of raw materials the supply of benzol oils may be considered sufficient for even more than a beginning and sulphuric acid is also available Those who are familiar with the situation claim for the South great undeveloped hydro electric power possibilities and with cheap power and the salt that occurs in the region hydrochloric acid chlorine and chlorine compounds, so vital to the chemical industry, are assured

Important as are benzol products, their value at the works in 1915 was exceeded by the value of the ammonia obtained from the by-product coke ovens It is true that not all by-product coke oven plants recovered benzol and that the greater part of the apparatus for recovering light oils was not in operation until late in 1915 whereas ammonia was obtained at all of the coke establishments throughout the year, but it should be remembered that prices of benzol were above normal and for that reason these products represented a larger proportion of the total value than would otherwise have been the case

The annual output of coke in Alabama is around 3,000,000 net tons, of which, in the past two years two-thirds has been made in by-product ovens On the basis of 26 pounds of ammonium sulphate per ton of coke the annual sulphate production in Alabama from by-product coke ovens is approximately 26,000 tons, and, if all the coke were so made, the output of ammonium sulphate would be in the neighborhood of 39,000 tons With the million tons of coke that are made each year in beehive ovens in Alabama 13,000 tons of ammonium sulphate are forever lost About 500 000 tons of coke a year are made in Kentucky, half of which comes from by-product ovens about 300 000 tons are manufactured in Maryland in by product ovens and of the 1 400 000 tons supplied by West Virginia approximately 200 000 tons are made by the improved process The coke from Georgia, Virginia, and until 1915 from Tennessee, amounting in round numbers to more than 850 000 tons is from beehive ovens

These seven Southern states produced 6,360 000 tons of coke in 1915 of which 2,947 000 tons, or 46 per cent, were made in by-product ovens which is a better record than for the United States as a whole for but 34 per cent. of the total output came from ovens of that type in 1915 More than 5,000,000 tons of coal were carbonized in the beehive ovens of these seven States in 1915 and no less than 44 000 tons of ammonium sulphate, 8 000,000 gallons of benzol products, 35,000,000 gallons of tar and millions of cubic feet of gas were wasted The value of this waste is of course hard to estimate, but based on the average for 1915, it would have reached the sum of $8 000 000 With that figure in mind one can appreciate the importance of the waste that is now going on in the carbonization of coal and can realize the possibilities of real conservation in the South in this regard.

LAKE ERIE MUST REFUND

Required by The Interstate Commerce Commission To Grant Reparation for 'Spotting."

Some months ago a decision was rendered by the Interstate Commerce Commission directing the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Company to refund an overcharge of $2 25 per car on ore shipped to the plant of the Pittsburg Steel Company at Monessen After a computation the amount has been fixed at $11 186 25 with interest from November 1, 1913

This refund is ordered for services rendered by the Monessen Southern the industrial railroad of the Pittsburg Steel Company in hauling ore to the steel company s blast furnaces from the trunk line The damages granted are based upon a rate of $2 25 a car for ore received at the steel company s furnaces over the Pittsburg & Lake Erie during the period from July 2? 1913 to April 1 1914

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie had suspended allowances to the Monessen & Southwestern on the strength of the first decision in the industrial railroads' case but a second decision held the Monessen Southwestern to be a common carrier and by reason of its status it was entitled to maintain joint rates and through rates with the trunk line The Pittsburg Steel Company protested to the commission against being cut off from the allowances and asked that it be awarded reparation The commission held that this could be done after the steel company filed a statement showing the dates of each shipment, point of origin point of destination, etc This statement was submitted and resulted in the issuance of the order

This case has no bearing on points involved in the finding in the ore rate ruling By the latter, industrial lines will be expected to do their own spotting without compensation and those companies not having such lines will have to pay the trunk roads for "spotting service

RAILWAY EARNINGS

Net Operating Revenues for Year Reach the Sum of $1,176,804,001.

Net revenues from operations of $1-176 804 001 for the year ending June 30 compared with $850 402 433 in 1915 for all railroads having revenues of $1 000,000 a year or over were shown yesterday in the Interstate Commerce Commission s report The net revenue per mile was $5 134 for the current year compared with $3 763 last year

Railway operating revenues for the year aggregated $3 396,808 234 operating expenses $2,220 004,233 tax accruals $146 754 447 uncollectible revenues $807 720, and operative income $1 029,241 804 For June only the net revenue from railway operation was $103 451 443

The figures for the year show the railroad s gross revenue from freight was $2 409 393 699 from passenger service $673,472 119, mails $60 057-967, express, $81,014 684 and other transportation, over $97 000 000 Of the year s net revenue from operations $516 061 320 was in the eastern district, $185 822 562 in the southern district, and $494,920 119 in the western district.

STILL FIGHTING

Ohio Coal Operators Renew Their Struggle for Lower Coal Rates.

The fight which has long been waged by the Ohio coal operators against alleged unfair and discriminatory rates on coal to the Michigan peninsula and Northern Indiana in favor of Pittsburg West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee coal fields has been reopened by the filing of a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Pittsburg Vein Operators' Association of Cleveland and the George M Jones Company Cleveland against the Baltimore & Ohio and other railroads

The complaint alleges there is produced in West Virginia Kentucky and Tennessee bituminous coal of the same character and class produced in the Ohio fields and adaptable to all the uses to which Ohio coal is used in Michigan and Indiana. The complaint asks the commission to make an investigation, that such rates from the Ohio fields to the consuming territory as now exist be declared unreasonable and discriminatory and that the commission establish a reasonable differential rate from the Ohio fields

Mining by Steam Shovel.

A New York contracting firm has been awarded the contract for stripping the earth from a vein of coal in Tusla county Oklahoma, and mining the coal with steam shovels and loading directly into cars The contract involves $2 000 000 and will consume five years time

War Munition Plant at Waynesburg.

The American Steel Company of Pittsburg proposes a refit the plant of the Waynesburg Tin Plate Company for the manufacture of copper and brass bars to fill war munition contracts provided the Home Gas Company relinquish a claim of $3 200 on the plant

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293	293	Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	200	Allison No 2	W J Rainey	New York
142	142	American No. 1	American C ville C & C Co	Pittsburg
240	190	American No. 2	American C ville C & C Co	Pittsburg
40		Anita	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
42		Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
257		Besco	Champion Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
30	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
34	32	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
236	236	Denbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160		Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
149	139	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
132	32	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Finley	Jas Bryne & Co	Uniontown
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	100	Carwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No 1	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Griffin No 2	Hillman-Neff Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
52	34	Hill Top	E Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
194	116	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
195	105	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
80	80	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Little Gem.	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	200	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
34		Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	30	Marion,	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
300	300	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
100	100	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480	400	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
202	202	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	99	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
120	45	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Outcrop
88		Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
273	273	Royal	W J Rainey	New York
30	15	Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
280	280	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
60	48	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	185	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
50	30	Sunshine No 2	Lodone-Giulioni Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
400	360	Thompson No 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	320	Thompson No 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	320	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
304	104	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
34		Virgie	Byrne Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	440	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
78	76	Wineland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Winmore	Wineland-Gilmore Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
86	86	Yukon	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
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			FURNACE OVENS	
120		Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
426	426	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	310	Colonial No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
158	158	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Colonial No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
600	400	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Fairbank	Strawbern Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
400	334	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	202	Geneva	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leetonia, O
200	180	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
462	350	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	443	Lechrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
244		Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown, O
30	30	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Bureau of Mines Publishes Results of a Study of Black Damp In Mines.

The Bureau of Mines Department of the Interior, in pursuing investigations looking to greater safety in mining has analyzed samples of the air in many different coal mines in the United States and has studied the analysis The results of the phase of this study are presented in Bulletin 105 Black Damp in Mines' by G A Burrell I W Robertson and G G Oberfell This study shows how atmospheric air after entering a coal mine loses oxygen and gains carbon dioxide with resulting formation of so-called black damp The report also discusses the effects of the constituents of black damp on men on the burning of oil and acetylene lamps and on the explosibility of methane

The bulletin treats on the comparison of atmospheric air with mine air effects on man variations in composition and amount of air the effect of temperature and moisture on man the action of oxygen in coal the influence of moisture on rate of absorption of oxygen by coal, the effect of lowering oxygen and raising carbon dioxide content on explosibility of methane-air mixtures and the consumption of oxygen and production of carbon dioxide by men and by lights

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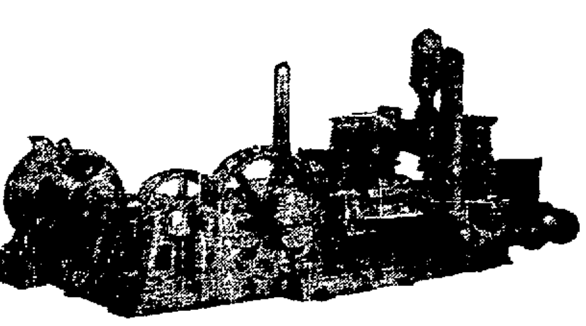

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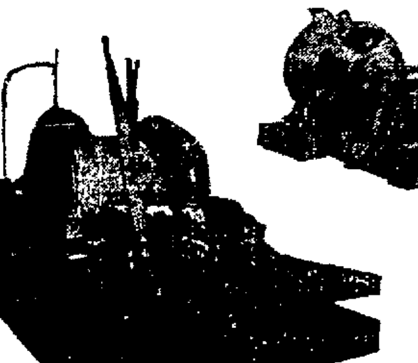

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POLITICAL PUSSYFOOTERS.

The official organ of the Fayette County Federal Patronage Dispensing Syndicate is passing out a great line of campaign epithet just now One of its funniest stunts is to call Candidate Hughes a Pussyfooter Truth to tell the Republican nominee is one of those men we read about "tall men sun-crowned who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking " a man much given to doing his own thinking and to acting upon his own judgment, a candidate whose footfalls wake the dead and whose words thrill the living in the world of politics

The Uniontown Standard's epithet is not new It is borrowed It originated within its own party The first Political Pussyfoot was Gumshoe Bill Stone Senator from Missouri, and a Political Pussyfoot much and painfully in evidence during the past few months is Woodrow Wilson President of the United States He may have been trying to save the nation as the Uniontown Syndicate Organ insists, but there is a suspicion that he has been trying to save the Democratic party and incidentally—quite incidentally, of course—secure a second term for himself that same second term he promised the American people four years ago at Baltimore that he would never no never, ask them for or consent to receive

The Democratic organization, in Fayette county has been characterized by Pussyfoot management in perhaps everything but its official organ Its editor has a free hand and he likes to use it He has no ambition to shine as a Pussyfoot. He wants to be the Big Noise in Democratic politics, and he very nearly succeeds

Nevertheless the official organ of the Democratic organization will be unable to convince the Fayette county public that it is sincere in its political utterances Its politics are too palpably syndicated too painfully pussyfooted, too powerfully impregnated with prejudice and passion to say nothing of factional and political coloring

Politics is filled with Pussyfooters, but Charles Evans Hughes is not one of them

THE THOMPSON EXTENSION.

The secured creditors of J V Thompson now have it within their power to reasonably insure the success of the plan to conserve the value of this great estate through compliance with the request of the Creditors Committee to grant an extension of three years on the obligations they hold They have the right to refuse such an extension and may if they wish, foreclose the mortgages which are overdue Such action will serve to utterly nullify the efforts of the Creditors Committee to husband the properties and dispose of them at such prices as will make possible a liquidation of the claims in full

By assenting to an extension the creditors are assured that interest and taxes will be paid to date and be kept paid during the extension period If this part of the agreement is not kept there will revert to the creditors all the rights they would have had they declined to grant an extension It seems plain therefore that the creditors have vastly more to gain by granting an extension than by refusing to do so They have all the chances that may come during three years to get full value of their claims with interest rather than the one and almost certain chance that they will get but a part of their claims without interest if they take foreclosure proceedings now

Furthermore they are not without obligation to other creditors and the community Unanimity of action will insure the preservation of the rights of all. Independent action may give doubtful advantage to a few and will certainly play havoc with values not only of coal land held by Thompson but of every other investor in Southwestern Pennsylvania to say nothing of the financial crash it will precipitate

AN ORGAN OF BLUFF.

The Uniontown New Freedom Standard is not a Pussyfoot that not being to the taste of its Milesian and militant editor, but if there is any bluffing to be done the organ of the Fayette County Democratic Syndicate has a job right to its hand and heart, hence we are treated to a first page display editorial demonstration of the rather remarkable fact that the result in Maine is a Democratic victory at least it is not a Republican victory because the majorities are not big enough.

The organ of bluff and bluster truly says that figures are "forbidding things The Standard compares the present vote with the vote for Governor two years ago, when there were three candidates for that office in the field, the contest largely local in character and the total vote fell 11 000 short of the vote on Monday This year conditions are different and the test the strength is different

The election of 1916 was admittedly a national test. It was so recognized by both political parties The national chairman of each sent a number of his best orators into the field and the national committees lent their active aid in the state campaign confessedly for the moral effect of the result. The results indicate that practically 100% of the Republicans voted the Republican ticket this year

The figures for 1914 indicate that some of the Democrats did not vote at all and others did not vote their own ticket It was an open year for voting It is true that the Republican and Progressive candidates for Governor in 1914 polled 77,000 votes as against 62 000 for the Democratic candidate but that was only 139 000 votes and possibly some of the 18 000 Progressive votes were Democrats The record would so indicate

Figures are dangerous things for bluffers to deal in The figures in the Maine election indicate that the Maine Republicans have polled a reunited vote and elected a complete ticket from top to bottom including two of the United States Senators necessary to Republican success in November

Maine could not have made a more encouraging Republican return It proves the Republicans claim that the Republicans are reunited That is all that will be necessary to insure complete Republican successes this fall There is no other conclusion to the argument It is inevitable

The deductions of the Uniontown organ are a fine example of Democratic bluffing which is one of its specialties It is a splendid bluff but a poor argument The election returns from Maine point the way to Republican success in November

They are not the only signs of Republican victory The political sky is hung with them This is a Republican year Bluffs big or little don t go

THE MESSAGE FROM MAINE.

The Democratic organs are having a great time explaining the Maine election and consoling themselves over its results Some of their analyses are interesting not to say peculiar The Uniontown Standard for example promptly undertook to prove by the figures that the Republicans have not been reunited and that the Progressives have not gone back to the fold in sufficient number to elect Hughes in November It volunteered the additional information that any 15 year old schoolboy can take the figures and show you that while the Democrats have made a big gain the Republican and Progressive vote combined has shrunk miserably A boy that age might figure this political problem in that way because he would not know any better The Standard ought to know better, but maybe it doesn t The Republican Publicity Association through its President, Hon Jonathan Bourne Jr looks at the Maine result somewhat differently In a statement issued from the Washington headquarters this week he says

Following the forecast of the electoral vote which this Association issued some week ago and which was based upon the vote cast for members of Congress in 1914 the figures from the recent election in Maine afford conclusive ground for claiming the election of Hughes and Fairbanks with more than 300 votes in the electoral college a majority of which is only 266

It makes no difference what range of approach is employed The Maine election points convincingly to Republican victory in November The total vote of Maine (Republican and Democratic) this year is 148,57 for Governor In 1912 for the same office when there was no Progressive candidate and both elements of Republicanism were working together as they did this year the total vote was 1 5 4 Plaisted a Democrat was then seeking re election just as Governor Curtis was this year He received 67 48 votes as against 71 04 cast for William T Haines who was elected The plurality of the united Republicans of Maine in 1912 was 3,9 This year it is 1 60 whereas the increase in the total vote is 9 00—this year s plurality being 700 larger than the increase in the total vote plus the plurality of four years ago In this connection it is interesting to note that Governor Plaisted when seeking re election in 1912 received 67 48 votes while Governor Curtis on his second trip to the polls got only 67 39 In other words the Democratic vote of Maine is stationary while the Republican vote has increased more than 10% over that of 1912 even though that earlier vote contained the strength of both elements of the party

Applying this percentage to the vote of 1912 in the several states of the Union It means that Hughes and Fairbanks will carry not only the states which gave a clear Republican plurality in the Congressional vote of two years ago but will gain in addition Arizona Indiana Kansas Kentucky Maine Maryland Montana Nebraska Ohio and Tennessee and will have 349 votes in the electoral college to Wilson and Marshall s 14

Comparing this year s vote for Governor in Maine with that of two years ago as cast for members of Congress we find that the Republican strength has increased 34 1 % while the Democratic strength has gained only 11 0% Two years ago there were 69 58 votes cast for Democratic candidates for Congress in Maine the Republicans having 71 318 and the Progressives 17 18 This year the Republican Governor elect gets 81902 to his Democratic opponent s 67,315 showing the Republican strength to be 6 6 more than the combined vote of Republicans and Progressives in 1914 Of the total gain registered the Republicans have taken 88 4% the Democrats have only 19 6% Assuming this percentage to represent the division of the former Progressive vote between the two parties and applying it to the vote of the other states as cast either two or four years ago our Democratic friends are again confronted with the loss of the electoral college by a wide margin

The issues upon which the President has chosen to go to the country were vigorously presented in Maine by five members of his Cabinet and by Senators Congressmen Federal officials and all grades of spellbinders of every degree The Peace and Prosperity which we are told are ours and which we are assured come from President Wilson s benevolent hand were eloquently depicted in every city every village every cross roads even in Maine—and Maine has registered her opinion of that Peace and of that Prosperity Her opinion is also that of the country A few weeks more of Watchful Waiting will demonstrate it

A number of Democratic organs, including the Uniontown organ of efficiency in American election mathematics have drawn much consolation from the Maine result because of "the great awakening it has caused in the Democratic party Contributions we are told, are coming in at the rate of $5 000 per day Chairman Vance McCormick will not have to tap his private barl after all Perhaps it is a good thing It has been freely prophesied that Vance would get cold feet when it became necessary to roll out that bar!

BLASTING FROM THE SOLID.

The opinion of Deputy Attorney General Collins defining the conditions under which coal may be blasted from the solid develops no new situation to be met by the operators of the Connellsville region In construing the meaning of the term in common practise as used in that provision of the bituminous mining law which permits blasting from the solid the Deputy Attorney General seems merely to have come to the same conclusion reached by the operators and mine inspectors of the Connellsville region several years ago

Before the last revision of the law a number of conferences were held in the region between the operators and their attorneys and the Department of Mines as represented by the mine inspectors and their attorneys and sometimes by Chief Roderick himself with a view to devising some means of meeting the conditions imposed by the law then in force This made blasting from the solid a penal offense and several mine foremen who had permitted the practise in their mines were arrested The prosecutions were halted after it had been agreed at these conferences that blasting could be continued where it had been the common practise provided however, that the blasting be done at night or when no employes except the shot firers were in the mines

When the law was subsequently amended the practise of the Connellsville region was accepted as the basis of that section relating to blasting from the solid with the proviso that *it should be continued only in districts* in which it has been the common practise The intent of this provision was to prevent the indiscriminate employment of the method in districts where it had not previously been the custom In the application of the amended law the question very naturally arose as to what was meant by the term common practise

Deputy Attorney General Collins is of the opinion that this proviso must be given a strict construction and that it applies only where the common usage throughout the district has followed that method and does not apply where it was merely the usage of one or of a few mines This removes any doubt as to the meaning of the provision The interpretation is official and until it is set aside by the courts will have all the force and effect of a judicial decision

WHY $10 FLOUR?

Householders of mature years are asking themselves in these days of High Prices Why is flour $10 a barrel?

These persons can distinctly recall that within their day flouring mills flourished in almost every town village and hamlet in the land Among farmers it was the custom to haul a load of wheat to the mill on a rainy day and bring back a load of flour the next rainy day Millers did a thriving business and it was a novice at the trade or one with a very poor equipment, who could not make a barrel of flour out of 4½ bushels of wheat. In those days wheat only rarely rose to $1 a bushel in price and flour never sold for more than $5 a barrel

With the advent of modern machinery, which was able to extract larger yields of flour and otherwise increase the profits of milling than were possible in the more primitive days local stores began to handle patent flour from the big mills at prices lower than the home product could be produced The oldtime miller was gradually driven out of business and home made flour became one of the unobtainable articles

Now that wheat is sold speculatively up to $1 50 but actually at about $1 10 to $1 15 and flour has been advanced to $10 per barrel the public has a natural interest in knowing why flour has increased 100% in price while wheat has increased less than 50%

Perhaps the dealers both wholesale and retail but more particularly the latter who have made good use of their opportunities when advances have come could enlighten the grumbling but patient and long suffering Ultimate Consumer upon this important matter

WHO HAS KEPT US OUT OF WAR?

Imputing to the occupant of the White House virtues powers and accomplishments which are not his has become an obsession with Democrats This finds most frequent expression in the persistent reiteration of the so-called slogan He has kept us out of war which many persons without full knowledge of the facts, have almost come to believe to be true Colonel George Harvey, the man who discovered Wilson and through whose efforts he became a candidate for President has set the public right on this matter by an analysis of the President s foreign policy recently published in the North American Review His conclusions are thus stated

It is not the President who has kept us out of war with Germany It is the Kaiser Mr Wilson s notes have been truculent enough to make for war over and over again but Germany has averted conflict at each psychological moment out of consideration of her own welfare not as a consequence of any of the many things the President has written And she has done it in her own sweet way at her own chosen time Personally I do not believe that we have been in danger of war at any stage

Nobody could afford to drag us in and nobody has done so That is all there is of it If we had convinced all warring powers at the outset that we really meant to maintain our rights as a neutral we would have obtained them beyond the shadow of a doubt But our shillyshallying with Mexico had indicated all too plainly that they could play fast and loose with us with impunity And they have done it—both sides

The Uniontown Organ of Bluff might make its everlasting fortune picking up some of that easy 2-to 1 Hughes money being offered in Wall Street.

Uncle Eph

By M L WAGNER

I kin remember when [illegible] trained his eye fo accuracy by spittin at a knot hole in the floor

You kin allus find a lot of kazette butts in front of a display window full of corse s

I kin remember when a feller could put on a pair of automobile goggles and still see his friends

Just as soon as we git a hair cut or a shine somebody predicts the end of the world

I kin remember when folks lived up to their funeral sermon

No matter how much a feller may be inspired by poetry there always comes a time when he s to real enjoyment out of a good spit

I kin remember when a feller could become famous without givin a public endorsement of a popular brand of smokin tobacco

You couldn t git a baseball umpire to believe in universal peace

You kin allus depend on continued warm weather after Crimpa Lizen gits his hair cut

One of the [illegible] for a man to wait his [illegible] shine an not the sent [illegible]

One of the [illegible] I know of is a store cop for [illegible]

Owin to the arrival of a corpse on the mail train the mail was twenty minits late in bein distributed

TEACHING THRIFT.

The state department of schools of West Virginia is entering upon a campaign to promote thrift among the school children of the state The value of saving will be taught by oral instruction and otherwise and given practical illustration through the introduction of a savings bank system In addition habits of thrift and economy in the use of money and also of material articles and things will be taught Schools will be urged to engage in activities whereby money can be earned by the pupils through the collection of waste material such as paper and rags tinfoil copper brass and other articles having a merchandise value

School and home gardens will be conducted with a view to realizing a profit from the products and also to teach the elementary principles of agriculture and market gardening Other means will be devised for the purpose of developing in the children both the desire and the ability to become wage earners and producers the whole object of the system being to make the instruction thoroughly practical and inculcate habits of thrift and wise economy

West Virginia will not be behind other states in employing this useful adjunct of the public schools but it will be ahead of some states where one would expect prompt advantage to be taken of every advancement in educational methods and practises Pennsylvania has done something along this line but only in isolated sections and without a general supervision as seems to be the plan of our earnest neighbor to the south It might pay us to keep close watch upon the progress made in the Mountain State It might pay even better to make progress ourselves while watching the West Virginians

WILSON A USURPER.

Of the many Democrats of influence and prominence who have declared their intention of supporting Hughes none are quite so outspoken as Hannis Taylor in stating his reasons for refusing to support Wilson

Hannis Taylor is a well known writer on international law and holds high rank in the legal profession He was formerly minister to Spain and is a life long Democrat contributed liberally to the campaign fund of 1912 and assisted otherwise to bring about Wilson s election The latter s administration having fallen so far short in point of wise statesmanship of Taylor s expectations that he with other conscientious Democrats feels obliged to withdraw his support

In stating his reasons for his action he speaks of President Wilson as an abnormally ambitious and dangerous revolutionist with monarchial tendencies striving to build up in this country in his own selfish interest a *political dictatorship* unfettered by all promises and covenants made by him in party platforms The old Democratic party has been abolished or superceded by a political dictatorship created by an arrogant usurper who has demonstrated his inability to play the pretentious role he prepared

And yet we are told in Washington and in the columns of the Uniontown New Freedom Standard that there are no bosses in the Democratic party

A UNIFORM COURSE OF STUDY.

The proposal of County Superintendent John S Carroll and the supervising principals to adopt a uniform course of study in the township schools of the county is right in line with progress in educational methods and efficiency in instruction There is every advantage to both pupils and teachers to be gained by its adoption

With scarcely any two districts in the county having the same course of study many hindrances arise to prevent the progress of pupils who are required to make frequent removals from one school district to another In the same manner teachers who are not continuously employed in one district are unable to accomplish as good results as would be possible under a uniform course The adoption of a uniform course of study in all the districts of the county ought to tend to a certain reduction in district school expenses Moreover it is a movement in the direction of standardization of methods the importance and value of which has been so conclusively proven in other lines

The system has produced excellent results in other counties and advanced school men everywhere are uniformly in favor of its adoption It ought to work just as well in Fayette and doubtless will

J Frost is on the job early.

It has been thought in some quarters that the political campaign is lacking in punch and Chairman Crow has suggested a return to the old fashioned marching club There is no question but that the old campaigns had more ginger in them than those of modern times The marching clubs were prominent features of the politics of twenty and thirty years ago They may have been an expression of the sentiment but they also served to hold it and to intensify it The mud marcher always matched to the polls and voted

The Democratic eye is still riveted on the main chance even though it could no chance in Maine

In every way was the answer Walter George Smith a prominent Philadelphia lawyer and life time Democrat gave when asked in what particular Wilson s administration had so displeased him that he must support Hughes Like the Progressives the Progressive Democrats are finding the right way

The Uniontown Standard complains bitterly because the Republican orators and organs attack President Wilson President Wilson is the Democratic candidate for President and as such is a legitimate subject of review and criticism If the Uniontown Standard really thinks his record should be extended to candidates it ought to [illegible] Republican [illegible] better example

The Uniontown New Freedom Standard takes the news from Maine very hard Secretary Josephus Daniels claims the result is a Democratic victory [illegible] O Donnell should cheer up and tell [illegible] to wipe [illegible] tears

The Democratic Ass has heard the news from Maine and there is a great deal of lamentation throughout the land also much explaining and it is hard to say which is the funniest

The late Samuel A Pennypacker left an estate valued at from $ 0 000 to $ 000 It is plain that evident that Sam never stole that Fifteen Million Dollar State Capitol

Chairman Vance McCormick professes to see in the result of the Maine election a sweeping Democratic victory in November Vance has had visions of sweeping victories before but they stringently failed to sweep

What the people of Maine think of the Democratic Tariff was fairly well expressed at the polls on Monday [illegible] Senator Charles F Johnson one of the framers of the law was placed in the Also Ran class

Champ Clark is a frank Democrat and honest with it We go with him [illegible] he guesses that is all [illegible] about the Maine election was [illegible] beaten good and plenty [illegible] his attitude is somewhat different [illegible] view from that of [illegible] Chairman McCormick

We notice that Democrats are not rushing into print to tell Hughes what he will do in Maine in November

The Democratic newspaper headline The Truth of the Bill Moo[illegible] Wilson Approval a Stampede [illegible] not contain [illegible] Maine election [illegible]

Dawson will have to annex even more of Lower Tyrone township to accommodate the crowds for the show up giving the boys [illegible] fair each year

Forget the Main[e] is the plaintive battle cry now heard in Democratic circles

The Kaiser announces a decisive victory for the Germans When Bill becomes this [illegible] we know [illegible] that kind of news [illegible] the good [illegible]

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company will have to build another cut off which will cut [illegible] Sand Patch until it fills up too often

The Scott boom may be all right but most good Republicans will feel that it is being launched prematurely The [illegible] of the hour [illegible] President and a Republican Congress

There is a disposition in some quarters to think that Huerta [illegible] a [illegible] that Washington did [illegible] but not [illegible]

The Connellsville News complains that the New York street car men [illegible] refuse to arbitrate their [illegible] the [illegible] Lower [illegible] criticism of the management that Democratic organ ought to explain why the Democratic administration did not settle the tractmen s strike by [illegible] action but [illegible] Why this discrimination [illegible]

Judge Ellis I Orvis Democratic candidate for United States Senator says Pennsylvania is not naturally a Democratic state meaning of course that the Democrats realize that it is naturally and actually certain to remain Republican state

The Connellsville Business & Professional Men s League [illegible] a [illegible] for the [illegible] to [illegible] the plant It [illegible] of the widening and deepening of the Youghiogheny [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] [illegible] Jenny Canal [illegible] its application [illegible] too [illegible] Jacobs Creek

It has been decided by the Pennsylvania mining department that blasting from the [illegible] Connellsville only where it is a common custom in other words only where [illegible] operators have seen fit

M Clyde Kelly has landed where he [illegible] The Democrats [illegible] him [illegible] Congress [illegible] assurance [illegible] Palmer [illegible] [illegible] White House [illegible] I know the White House mind [illegible] cover that [illegible] Congressional District [illegible] matter [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of selecting their [illegible] present [illegible]

The Federal Bureau of Mines has analyzed [illegible] damp and will furnish the [illegible] miner in the Connellsville coke region should get a copy and master its contents

The proposal to extend the Monongahela railroad to West Virginia leads us to indulge the hope that the business is waiting for the railroad and that it is not to be built for a landscape ornament

Germany has but one railroad connection with the outside world and that is through Turkey When it wants to ship by rail it has to talk Turkey

The Indian Creek Valley railroad is pressing on into Somerset county s undeveloped coal territory

The Indian Creek Valley is increasing its colony of all year campers To the coal operations which are beginning to dot the valley there are no closed seasons

The British army has in use on the battlefields of Belgium some new and wonderful engines of war which were designed and built in the United States These are described as long low dust colored tortoises which have no resemblance to motor cars They are in fact steel land ships of immense power and wonderful capacity In practice they can climb walls push through dense woods cross trenches and maneuver in and out of craters It is now up to the Germans to invent some motorized hares which will not go to sleep as did that progenitor of its race which took part in the race of fable story

It is announced that lower prices of food are to be sec[ured] [illegible] The Germans must be gifted with keener eyesight than our own people

The open season for freak legislation will be upon us in all its virulence In the proposal that milk bottles be replaced to the non refillable bottles we have a fair example of what may be expected Such a law would be utterly impracticable and if enacted could result in such an advance in the price of milk that it would become a luxury Either that or all the small farmers would be driven out of business If the inventive genius of man could devise a non opening bottle or other container in which to confine freak legislative politics and other agitators a great service would be rendered mankind

Experts say that Uniontown s motodrome will have a speedy track If otherwise it wouldn t be a real Uniontown institution

Fayette county lawyers are enjoying a long [illegible] court season More evidence of Democratic Prosperity we presume

Railroad trains are thrown from the track by high and trivial causes but the average automobile is not equal to the task and it only comes to grief in [illegible]

The coke shipments out of the Connellsville region are the greatest in the history of the region if we count the Connellsville coal which is converted into coke in by product ovens at points of consumption

The makers and buyers of Connellsville coke are talking [illegible] contracts [illegible] the diplomacy of Europe or Africa

The Government armor plate plant like the Democratic party is something of a [illegible]

The Industrial Workers of the World have lost the ore strike This labor organization is unfortunate in its strike contests [illegible] it conducted them with less reckless disregard for the law it would win oftener

There is but one Pinchot His name is Gifford not Amos and he s for Hughes

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24 1886

The coke operators object to the proposal of the men to make Saturday the [pay] off day instead of Wednesday

The Connellsville Coke & Iron Company sink drill holes with a view to locating a third plant between Leisenring No 1 and No [illegible]

The long dead lock among the Democratic congress onal conferees is broken by the nomination of Gilbert T Rafferty the coke operator of Pittsburg who had been quietly groomed as a dark horse

The 63rd annual meeting of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets in the church of that denomination in town

John Weltner of the southern end of the country claims to have perfected a perpetual motion machine upon which he had been working for years

George J Titlow of Uniontown, is installed as clerk of the Yough House

L P McCormick leaves for Philadelphia to enter upon his medical studies

Jacob Richey gets up the contract for excavating the foundation of the new borough building and Michael Durr takes the job Frank Cimmins will do the stone work

Charles K Brooks formerly a teacher in the Connellsville and New Haven schools sustains injuries from jumping from a load of hay on his father s farm in Springfield township which result fatally

Newspapers received from Charleston S C speak in very flattering terms of the courage displayed by Train Despatcher John Barron of the South Carolina railway following the earthquake disaster At great risk he ran a special engine over the badly damaged tracks of the company to relieve the distress at many points

The W C T U of the Redstone Presbytery circulate petitions to the legislature for a submission of the liquor question to a vote of the people

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25 1896

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday September 19 shows a total of 17 972 ovens in the region of which 1570 are in blast and 1,402 idle with an estimated production of 36 737 tons an increase of 700 tons over the previous week

Shipments for the week aggregated 1,16 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 1478 cars to points West 1 050 cars to points East 6,8 cars an increase of 94 cars over the previous week

A monument to the memory of Colonel William Crawford is unveiled by the Crawford County Historical Society of Ohio on the site of the battle of Olentangy where Crawford s brave army made its last stand A letter of regret from H P Snyder editor of The Courier who had been invited to be present was read and frequently cheered in the reading In the adjoining county the Wyandot Pioneer Association had previously erected a monument to the Martyr Pioneer

The McKinley & Hobart Citizens Club is organized with B F Boyts president and a long list of vice presidents J M Russell and J L Kendall are made secretaries and J C Kurtz treasurer The executive committee named was E Dunn Lloyd Johnston W H Thomas J P Hamilton and Dr T H White Finance John H Barge J A Zimmerman and J W Moon Music James C Hicks A S Haddock and I L Evans

Discharged members of the hose companies bring suit against the borough for back salaries which council had refused to be ordered paid

Rev J F Pershing pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church preaches his farewell sermon

Edwin S Porter who recently completed a three years term of service as electrician in the navy, moves with his family to New York to locate in that city

Robert J Burdette lectures in the opera house

Council plans to remodel the borough building by fitting the first floor as a room suitable for the postoffice

Mrs Sarah Balsley celebrates her 87th birthday in her Fayette street home in the presence of her children grandchildren and great grandchildren

James Lazelle the local pugilist, outpoints Frank Dwyer of Virginia in a 6 round contest in the opera house

A reunion of the 1 children of Joseph Bute is held at the old homestead in Franklin township, at which all are present

Among the deaths of the week are Levi Bradford lacking a few days of being 90 years Mrs Elizabeth Whiteley of New Haven aged 63 years and Mrs William Porter of Gibson

Political gatherings are the order of the day The Republicans hold a big rally at Leisenring at which W E Crow R F Hopwood and E H Reppert are speakers The Free Silver Democrats of Breakneck erect a 120-foot hickory pole

Two-Billion Congress

NEW YORK September 13 (Special) On the subject of government spending [illegible] the Democratic Platform of 1912 made this high sounding utterance We denounce the profligate waste of the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of recent Republican Congresses which have kept taxes high and reduced the purchasing power of the people s toil We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which befits a Democratic government and a reduction in the number of useless offices the salaries of which drain the substance of the people

Nothing more clearly exemplifies the radical difference between the platform pledges of the Democrats and their performances than the plank quoted and the performance of the Congress just ended which has created innumerable new and useless offices and appropriated $2 000 000 000 of the people s money With only the first session of the Sixty fourth Congress completed the Democrats have appropriated in exact figures $1 047 049 the greatest aggregate in the country s history and exceeding that for the last fiscal year by more than half a billion dollars The Democrats have spent over $5 000 000 a day for every one of the 270 days life of this session including Sundays and holidays

Appropriations for all purposes were

Agriculture	$ 24 48 85
Army	267 36 6
Diplomatic and consular	5 000
District of Columbia	1 541 907
Fortifications	48 0
Indian affairs	1 067 644
Legislative and executive	7 1 0
Military Academy	1 25 048
Navy	317 09 095
Pensions	158 06 000
Postoffice	32 37 679
Rivers and harbors	4 98 35
Sundry civil	125 09 80
Permanent appropriations	1 174 671
Shipping bill	50 000 000
Deficiencies	000
Rural credits	100 000
Good roads	10 000
Flood control	4 000

That the Democrats could not get away from that sectionalism which has characterized almost every act of the Administration is shown by the geographical distribution of appropriations Of the odd $4 00 000 for river and harbor improvements much the larger part goes to southern rivers and harbors The Northern states are allowed $2 00 000 for flood control projects while the South gets $4 000 000 for this purpose Muscle Shoals A C gets $2 000 000 for a nitrate plant Of the appropriations for new public buildings Arkansas gets $2 000 in a town of 2 154 people two towns in Kent[ucky] with a total population of 1 4 4 get $1 000 two in Tennessee of 1 00 population each get a total of $ 000 one in South Carolina with 1 00 people $2 000 one of [illegible] in Texas $ 000 one in Missouri of 1 722 people gets $4 000 and one in North Carolina $ to each of its 1 000 inhabitants and so on ad libitum

Appropriations for the reorganization of the equipment of the army and navy reached the unprecedented total of $ 000 with authorizations that will increase the total in three years to nearly $900 000 000 Expenditures necessitated by the Preparedness program to which Democracy was so suddenly converted and the mobilization of the National Guard on the Texas border demanded revenue legislation in the last days of Congress This was responded to by doubling the normal tax on incomes, creating an inheritance tax munitions tax and miscellaneous excise taxes to raise $2 000 000 and by the sale of $1 0 000 00 Panama Canal bonds

The administration estimates the total revenues for the next fiscal year at $ 000 000 The contend however that the deficit will not be quite as large as these figures would make it appear because payment of some of the governments bills can be deferred until later on It will however require an even more adroit exhibition of juggling with Treasury figures than Secretary McAdoo has thus far displayed to conceal the fact that Democratic economy has produced substantially a million dollar deficit After the election the public will be permitted to know the extent of bond sales which the administration contemplates Never before in the history of the Nation has a single session of Congress been so profligate in its expenditures of the people s money Probably it will be long before the voters will permit Democratic inefficiency to perpetrate such colossal economic blunders as has the present administration.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1906

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday September 22 shows a total of 2 358 ovens in the region of which 21 801 are in blast and 1 54 idle with an estimated production of 2 9 041 tons about 00 less than the previous week

Shipments for the week aggregated 1,10 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 4 0 cars to points West 5 05 cars to points East 1 2 cars a decrease of 1 5 cars from the previous week

The Connellsville Coal & Coke Company fire up 7 ovens at their new plant near Newcomer

Isaac and Wilbur Wilkey lease the old Wheeler ovens and will operate them on coal from the Henry Byers firm near Dunbar

Engineers of the Uniontown & Wheeling railroad are making surveys in Greene county

L F Huston of Dawson sells 28 acres of coal near Vanderbilt to W J Rainey for $2,000

A 10 000 acre tract of coal in Morris township Greene county is optioned at $140 per acre and an 8 000 tract on Smith Creek at $ per acre

Coal under the Samuel Gayman farm in West Bethlehem township Washington county is sold at $500 per acre

The Millsboro Coal Company sells 10 acres of coal on Ten Mile creek in East Bethlehem township Washington county *to the Bessemer Coke Company* for $110 000

The Jimison Coal & Coke Company and the Keystone Coal & Coke Company buy 250 acres of coal under the Barnhart farm Hempfield township Westmoreland county for $ 50 000

A reunion of the Wilson family at the Wilson farm in Pullskin township is attended by 150 persons

The surface over the old mine workings along the Mount Pleasant road east of town falls in preventing the movement of street cars except by transfer at that point

The New Haven light controversy takes a new turn when Burgess Nelson causes the arrest of employes of the Welsbach Lighting Company when they attempt to tap the natural gas mains A numerously signed petition is presented to council protesting against a *validation* of the agreement with the Welsbach company

Charles E Hughes is nominated as Republican candidate for governor of New York

The Fayette County Bar Association tender a reception to Judge Nathaniel Ewing in honor of his elevation to the United States District Court bench

City Clerk W D McGinnis is a victime of typhoid fever.

CRAWFORD AVENUE IS NAME PROPOSED FOR MAIN STREET

Postmaster McGinnis Suggests Title for the Thoroughfare.

COUNCILMAN DUGGAN FOR IT

Other Changes in Names Are Proposed in Order to Avoid Confusion By Duplication; O'Connor Reports City Engineer's Refusal to Give Blank.

A suggestion emanating from Postmaster W. D. McGinnis that Main street be renamed Crawford avenue when council changes the names of streets on the East Side which have duplicates across the river, was discussed by council on Monday, but action was deferred. Some time ago the postmaster urged that certain streets be renamed for the convenience of postal and express carriers. While suggesting names for these streets, Mr. McGinnis recommended that other streets be renamed. The name Main street, he said in a letter to council, suggests to outsiders that Connellsville is a small town with but one street. Every country town has its "Main" street, he said and Connellsville is no longer a rural community. He suggested that Main street be renamed Crawford avenue, first, in honor of Connellsville's historic pioneer citizen, and second, to conform with a general plan naming all north and south thoroughfares streets and all east and west streets avenues.

Mr. McGinnis also suggested that Crawford avenue East Side, be christened Lincoln avenue, and that Crawford street on the West Side be known as Eleventh street. Solicitor Higbee favored the change. Main street now has four names, he said. From the Yough bridge to Spring alley, it is Spring street; from East alley to the city line it is Main street; from the bridge west to the Pennsylvania railroad or thereabouts, the correct name is Ferry street; and from the railroad west it is Ashman avenue.

Mr. Duggan also liked the plan of renaming the streets, but Mr. West was very much opposed. The former said that so far as he knew, only one regular city has a Main street and that is Buffalo, N. Y. He said the name made Connellsville seem like a country village, similar to Morgan, the birthplace of City Clerk A. O. Hixler, or other small places. Mr. West said it has always been known as Main street and it would be foolish to change it. He said residents would object.

Other changes suggested by the postmaster were that First street, East Side, be renamed Bottom street; Second street changed to Coke street; Third street christened Association street, and Fourth street hereafter be known as Mounts street. These are all in Dutch Bottom and the names are suggestive of the association grounds. Eighth street, he suggested, should be renamed McCormick street. The letter did not say, but it is presumed this would be in honor of Street Commissioner William McCormick. Tenth street would be known as Jefferson street, and Eleventh street as Penn street.

Mayor Marietta said there already is a Coke alley in the city, but he said there are no residences on it. To make a distinct difference between Connell avenue and Connell alley, it was suggested that Connell avenue be made Collins avenue.

The discussion brought out the fact that Main street had once been renamed Penn street, after the consolidation of Connellsville and New Haven, but that Burgess J. L. Evans vetoed the ordinance authorizing the change.

B. O'Connor appeared before council and stated that Engineer S. M. Foust had refused him a specification blank on which to submit a bid on the Arch street paving job. Furthermore, Mr. O'Connor stated, he and his family had been abused by Mr. Foust, even to the extent of making the estimate on the Isabella road paving job about $400 short. He received the specifications too late to get a certified check to accompany his bid, Mr. O'Connor stated. He also said that he doubted whether council could award the contract under such conditions. Council took no action.

Bids were received from J. I. Dick, Malachi Duggan and Austin & Matthews for the paving of Arch street, which is to be let in three sections. Mr. Duggan's bid appeared to be the lowest. All three will be tabulated, however, and the contract will be awarded at the meeting on Monday night next. Mr. Duggan figured on the cost of the work alone, the city to supply the bricks. The other contractors bid with brick and without. Mr. Duggan's certified check was for $2,500, which on the basis of 10 per cent of the contract price, would make the cost of the entire job about $25,000, exclusive of the bricks. Austin & Matthews' check was for $3,300, and Mr. Dick's for but $500. Solicitor Higbee said the size of Mr. Dick's check would eliminate him from the bidding as the specifications called for 10 per cent of the estimated cost.

Ordinances authorizing the paving of Arch street were passed finally without protest from any of the residents. The ordinances authorizing the issuance of short term bonds to cover the cost of this work and that of paving Race street were passed. The superintendent of accounts was directed to get bids on the printing of the bonds.

An ordinance authorizing the paving of First street, West Side, from Sixth street to Third street was introduced and will be voted on October 23. It will be advertised for 30 days before final passage. The ordinance stipulates that the full cost is to be collected from the property owners. This is not ordinarily set forth in the ordinances but the solicitor said he had inserted it for the benefit of a certain resident of the street who might want to know.

Director of Public Safety M. B. Pryce reported a fire loss of $160 in July, with seven alarms and four fires. In August there were three alarms and no loss. Mr. Pryce stated that some store owners are not yet alive to the importance of keeping their premises clean and tidy as a fire prevention measure. An inspection of residences is soon to be undertaken by the firemen for the purpose of eliminating as far as possible faulty gas fixtures and accumulations of inflammable matter.

A. M. Haines of the Haines-Kurtz Company asked council to pay off the cost of a sewer built on Davidson avenue three years ago. He said the company had agreed to carry this without interest for three years, when it was built in 1913. The term of this agreement has expired, he said.

Council gave its unanimous approval to the proposed Mine Rescue Station, to be established here by coal and coke operators of this district and located at the fire department headquarters. The station will be established free of all cost, Mr. Pryce stated, and teams will be instructed in rescue work under the direction of the federal government. Those who pass examinations will be eligible for good positions with the Bureau of Mines.

Specification blanks for the engineer were directed to be printed.

CIVIL TRIALS ARE TAKEN UP

Real Work of the Long September Term is Finally Gotten Under Way.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 19.—Civil trials in common pleas court finally began today after yesterday had been wasted in attempting to take up some of the eight cases set for trial at that time. There are four cases listed for trial today, and the first was called before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in court room No. 1 this forenoon.

The case of Charles S. Boyd of Dawson, against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company was tried today before Judge Van Swearingen. Mr. Boyd asked $10,000 damages from the railroad company for the alleged removal of a sidetrack and switch. The plaintiff testified that he entered into an agreement with the officials of the railroad whereby they agreed to construct a switch and siding about 400 feet in length for the exclusive use of Mr. Boyd, and he paid the full cost of the construction. The railroad discontinued the use of the siding without notice to him, it was claimed. The jury awarded Boyd $80.

In Judge E. H. Reppert's court was called the case of James Hoye and others against Mrs. Florence B. Hoye of Uniontown. The action is a framed issue to determine the ownership of about $2,500 which has been paid into court. The money was received from a beneficial order after the death of Mrs. Hoye's husband, and claim is made to the funds by brothers of the deceased and the wife. After the case was called, Dr. J. D. Sturgeon was called to the witness stand and he testified that Mrs. Hoye is ill, and unable to come to court. He testified that she has been ill for some time, and he said that he did not believe that she will be able to come into court within the next month. Judge Reppert continued the case until January.

This afternoon the damage suit of Irwin Williams against Stewart township was taken up. Williams wants $5,000 for injuries which were caused when he was thrown from a wagon on the Bryner's Ridge road. The wagon struck a large stone, which dislodged Williams from his seat upon a rough box, being taken to the Bryner's Ridge cemetery.

FEARED COMING WINTER

Rev. J. B. Reed Resigns Charge Because of His Advancing Years.

Rev. John Brice Reed, who Sunday tendered his resignation as pastor of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church after filling the pulpit for 28 years, is pastor of the oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Alleghanies. Now in its 138th year, Laurel Hill Church has outgrown three edifices and while maintaining its strength throughout this time, has mothered three branches, which are now in a flourishing condition.

Rev. Reed assumed his charge at Presbytery, coming from Fairmont. During this incumbency the parsonage has been rebuilt and many innovations have been made.

His resignation was tendered on account of his advancing years, which this winter would have made it extremely difficult for him to care for the outpost work. He visits the Memorial Chapel at Philips and the Bethel Chapel near Youngstown. He will retire next month. Rev. Reed is 78 years old. He is a father-in-law of Dr. H. J. Bell of Dawson.

NO PRAYERS FOR JEWS

Episcopalians Are to Eliminate Them, Along with Turks and Heretics.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A proposal to omit from the prayerbook of the Protestant Episcopal Church prayers for Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics, will be submitted from the Episcopal triennial general convention to be held in St. Louis in October. The proposed changes are approved by the special commission on the revision of the prayerbook.

The proposal to eliminate the Jews from Episcopal prayers is based on the ground that it is an insult to class them with infidels and heretics.

Using Turtle Creek Cut-Off.

To avoid the steep hills 10 miles east of Wilkinsburg the majority of travelers on the William Penn Highway are using the Turtle Creek or Greensburg cut-overs to the Lincoln Highway.

Scarlet Fever Case.

A case of scarlet fever has been reported to the health department.

FROSTY SONS GIVE STERLING A VERY FRIGID RECEPTION

Will Have to Get All His Support From Fayette, Wise Ones Say.

DEMOCRATS NURSE GRIEVANCE

Can't Understand Why Federal Plums Went to Sterling's Own County and None to Somerset; Won't be as Successful in Politics as in Baseball.

Hon. Bruce F. Sterling and Hon C. Gregg Lewellyn have been doing some pussyfooting through Somerset county, and have been discovered by the Somerset Herald, which reports that they left Somerset much "down in the mouth." The Herald further says:

"Sterling and Lewellyn have been the chief dispensers of federal patronage in the 23rd Congressional district under President Wilson, and innocently, or otherwise, seem to feel that not only all of the Democrats will rally to the support of Sterling, but that many Republicans are so pleased because their political friends were kicked out of office, that they will vote for the Democratic candidate. They are reported to have made the statement that this will be the case on the other side of the mountain, over in Fayette county, where they used to have a bi-partisan political machine, which was fortunately smashed two or three years ago and which from all indications is as helpless to re-establish itself as Humpty Dumpty is reputed to be.

"Sterling visited Somerset on another occasion, when he was a star baseball player, one of the famous McCormick Colts, and on that well-remembered occasion put it all over the Somerset players. The truth is, even if it must be admitted at this late day, that the Somerset team was composed of veritable rubes so far as mastery of baseball is concerned, but Sterling and Doll Johns, who planned the coupe, love to refer to it and laugh about it until their sides ache even now, twenty years or more since the game was pulled off on Musselman field.

"It is not at all improbable that Sterling hopes to repeat his achievement on the ball field in politics this fall. When he came here to play ball he successfully concealed his identity until after he returned home, and by pussyfooting political tactics he aspires to election to the chair now occupied by the Hon. Robert F. Hopwood in the lower house of Congress.

"If an unbiased opinion can be formed from the talk heard among Somerset county Democrats Sterling will not poll anything near the strength of his party in Somerset county on election day next November. Hundreds of Somerset county Democrats, who feel that they belong to William Jennings Bryan's Deserving class are unable to understand why they were overlooked when the plums were handed around, and why all of the best fruit was grabbed by Fayette county Democrats. Some of them, Democrats who have been feeding on political husks ever since the Civil War, can't get it through their heads why all of the rewards of party loyalty should be handed over to Sterling, Lewellyn, et al., and the youngsters who trail after them in politics.

"If Mr. Sterling is to be elected to Congress he will have to get his votes on the west side of the mountain, and he'll have to get a mighty big lot of Fayette Republicans to support him if he is to run the full vote of his party in the 23rd district. Under ordinary circumstances the Republican majority in the 23rd district is anywhere from 7,000 to 9,000. Somerset county furnishes more than half of the majority and there is no apparent reason why, with a united party back of him, Bob Hopwood should not receive the largest Republican majority given for any candidate since the district was erected almost twenty years ago. Your Uncle Robert is not losing any sleep over the pussyfooting tactics of his opponent, and there is no reason why he should, if political sentiment in Fayette and Greene county is anything like it is in Somerset."

BUTTERFLIES MIGRATE.

Thousands of Them Observed Here, on Their Way South.

Nature lovers are showing much interest in the migration of the milkweed butterflies, which are traveling south by the thousands. They come from as far north as Canada, and will winter in the south, or in the West Indies.

The milkweed butterfly is reddish brown in color, with black spots on the wings. It gets its name from the fact that it lays its eggs on the milkweed.

HURT IN MINE.

Dunbar Youth Injured When a Cap Explodes.

Earl Humbert of Dunbar, 19 years old, while digging coal in the mine of the United Fire Brick Company at Dunbar this morning, was painfully burned about the face and arms, when a dynamite cap exploded. He was brought to Connellsville and removed to the Cottage State Hospital.

Albert O'Donnell of the West Side, who has been a patient at the hospital left yesterday.

Buys Water Plant.

The city of Shreveport, La., has purchased from the water works company, a subsidiary of the American Waterworks Company of Pittsburg, the water works plant of that city for $800,000, delivery to be made January 1, 1917. This company also owns the Connellsville water plant.

S. CONNELLSVILLE WANTS WHITE WAY

Burgess Advocates Illumination of the Principal Thoroughfares, Now Very Dark.

Burgess W. B. Sisley of South Connellsville is advocating a "white way" for the principal business section of that town. The burgess believes that South Connellsville is to be put on the map in much larger letters when the Yough bridge and Direct-to-Dunbar propositions become realities, and he is urging South Connellsville citizens to prepare for it by making the town attractive.

South Connellsville has no street lights, except one maintained by the Atlas Hotel proprietor. The plan for a "White Way" would mean pedestal lights along both sides of Pittsburg street on the square occupied by the school house and the principal stores. The principal expense would be for installation. The maintenance would be small if shared proportionately by all businessmen on the street.

Along with the illumination scheme, it is planned to build curbs along the east side of the street. At present only one side of that thoroughfare has any walks at all. With pedestal lights the sidewalks would be a necessity.

FIND FINE ROAD

Motorists Get a Chance to Try New Route to Uniontown.

Learning by The Courier that the road between Leisenring and Graham's Crossing was temporarily open, hundreds of motorists tried that route to Uniontown Saturday and found it delightful. After going beyond the Work farm they came on to the paved road that North Union township is building and found it completed, with the exception of a short stretch which has not yet been started.

When completed there will be virtually no unimproved stretch except through the Frick plant at Leisenring No. 2. Contractor Duggan still has a considerable stretch of concreting to do, and expects to get at it again this week, which will close the road to traffic for another month or so.

Traffic Policeman Thomas McDonald talked himself hoarse yesterday afternoon directing strange motorists to Scottdale. None of the routes north of here can be classified as otherwise than bad, but motorists are hoping some miracle will happen between now and winter which will give them at least one improved outlet north.

ENTERTAINS FOR GUEST

Miss Lilburn Reed is Hostess to Friends at Vanderbilt.

Miss Lilburn Reed entertained Saturday night at her home at Vanderbilt in honor of Miss Elizabeth Mackey of Pittsburg, who was a guest at the Reed home for several days. The evening was delightfully spent at various amusements and at 11 o'clock dainty refreshments were served. The guests were Miss Mary Nevada McLaughlin, Miss Carleana Bailey, Miss Belle Cleland, Miss Georgia McBurney, Misses Marie and Flora Maudorff, Mrs. Charles Shallenberger, Earl Roberts, Joseph Shallenberger and Paul Teichert, all of Vanderbilt; Miss Anna Cossel of Adelaide; Miss Gladys Stillwagon of Dawson; Miss Mary Frances Sherrick of Uniontown, and A. P. Householder of Glassport. Miss Mackey returned home Sunday night.

FAMILY REUNION

Seighman Clan Gathers at the Faust Home, Near Mount Pleasant.

A reunion of the Seighman family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faust near Mount Pleasant. The day was enjoyably spent and at 12.30 o'clock an elaborate dinner was served.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seighman and children, Eli, John, Charles, Millard, Katherine and Evelyn; Mr. and Mrs. John Seighman and children, Willmina, Irene, Opal and John, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seighman and children, Sara Eliza and William Henry; Mrs. Irvin Layman and daughter, Hazel; Eli Seighman, Charles Nedley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faust and daughter, Selma.

MORE PUPILS EXPECTED

School Authorities Anticipate Great Increase in Enrollment.

A big increase in the number of out of town pupils attending the Connelsville high school is expected this year, judging from the enrollment so far. Last year there were about 50 tuition pupils from other districts. There are almost that many enrolled now.

The enrollment shows the usual large number of pupils from Bullskin, Connellsville and Dunbar townships. Dunbar borough and Dawson also contribute quite a number. Smithton and other down-river places will have larger delegations than last year.

MINISTERS ASSIGNED.

United Evangelical Pastors Given Charges by Conference.

Among the ministers assigned for the ensuing year at the closing session of the twenty-third annual conference of the United Evangelical Church Saturday in Hyndman were:

Mount Pleasant, P. L. Berkey; Indian Creek, J. B. Beck; Rockwood and Salisbury, G. K. Hetrick; Scottdale, D. J. Hershberger; Somerset, E. A. Miles. At the annual missionary rally held last evening $1,300 was raised.

Gives Organ to Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer Moore of Greensburg, a sister of Mrs. Josephine Reid of the East Park addition, has donated a $15,000 organ to the new First Presbyterian Church at Greensburg.

Fire Prevention Day.

Greensburg may have a Fire Prevention Day, October 9.

BOYS WHO SENT IN FALSE FIRE CALLS OUT UNDER PAROLE

Oldest One of Gang Fined $30; Three Others Must be Good for a Year.

WEEKLY REPORTS ARE REQUIRED

Ed and Tom White and Ralph Haines to Furnish Police Head With Statements of Their Conduct and School Attendance on Every Saturday.

With a fine of $30 imposed upon one boy and a 30-day jail sentence hovering over three others released on parole, the city authorities expect little trouble from mischievous boys turning in false fire alarms in the future. James Douglas Robinson, 19, a colored youth, paid $30 rather than serve 30 days in jail. Ralph Haines, 15; Edward White, 13, and Thomas White, 15, were sentenced to pay $5 or serve 30 days, but were released by the mayor on condition that they "be good" for a year. They were arraigned this morning.

"Being good" in this case was specifically outlined by the mayor. The boys must attend school regularly and furnish weekly reports as to their attendance and conduct to Chief of Police B. Rottler every Saturday afternoon. They must be off the streets by 10 o'clock each night.

For failure to live up to these rules of conduct, the boys are liable to be picked up by the police and brought before the mayor. Their sentence hangs over them for a year and the mayor may commit the boys at any time they break parole. Robinson, because of his more mature years, was not paroled.

The authorities believe that by suspending the sentences of the boys, who admitted turning in a half dozen or more false fire alarms in the last few weeks, more of a lesson will be taught them than by sending them to jail.

The boys admitted having sent in the alarm which took the firemen on a wild goose chase to Box 53 last Saturday night and also a number of other ones from boxes on both sides of the river. The two White boys were arrested on Friday night by Detective Mitchell and Ralph Haines was apprehended on Saturday morning. Detective Mitchell caught the Robinson boy later on Saturday. He resides on West Main street, near the city limits.

CITY TO LAY WALKS

Will Charge Cost and 20 Per Cent Penalty to Property Owners.

To bring property owners who have failed to comply with notices to lay concrete sidewalks to time, council on Monday directed that the city lay walks of two properties, charging the cost and 20 per cent penalty to the owners.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the construction of concrete walks in front of a property reputed to be owned by J. M. Reid on the east side of Cottage avenue and another in front of a property on East Fayette street, reputed to be owned by James Rapport. Liens are to be filed to insure payment of the bills.

Mr. Duggan said similar action would be taken against some property owners on Cedar avenue and in other sections of the city who have shown no disposition to co-operate with the city in its crusade for better walks.

BEATS STORK HOME

Private "Buck" Smith is Soon Welcomed by a New Son.

The second Connellsville guardsman to arrive home from the border is Charles H. "Buck" Smith, cook for the Tenth Regiment hospital corps. Mr. Smith arrived home on No. 9 Sunday morning, having been mustered out of the federal service at Fort du Pont, Delaware, on Friday.

Mr. Smith arrived home most opportunely, for Monday at 8.30 the stork left a little soldier at his home on Johnston avenue.

Prior to leaving for the border, Mr. Smith was a machinist at Boyts, Porter & Company shops. When he returned he found his job open for him and he started work immediately.

Captain J. C. Herwick, former captain of Company D, who resigned while down on the border, returned to his home here several weeks ago. He has also resumed work at the Boyts, Porter & Company shops.

MORE JURORS NEEDED

Court Orders 400 Additional Names Placed in the Wheel.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 16.—An order was made by the court today directing the jury commissioner to forthwith place 400 additional names in the jury wheel. This is the first time such an order has ever been made in this county.

At the beginning of the year 1,500 names were placed in the wheel. Of this number, 1,332 have been called for service, leaving only 168 from which to select the December grand jury and talesman for the two weeks of December criminal court.

WEDDED 15 YEARS

North Scottdale Pair Entertain on Crystal Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wardlaw entertained about 40 of their friends at their home on the North Side, Scottdale, Thursday afternoon, in honor of their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Guests were present from Ruffsdale, Mount Pleasant, Iron Bridge, Everson, Scottdale and Los Angeles, Cal. Many beautiful presents were received.

A dainty luncheon was served at 4.30 o'clock.

LONG COURT TERM BEGINS

Civil Cases Will be Tried From Now Until December; Trial List Is Called.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 18.—With Judges J. Q. Van Swearingen and E. H. Reppert presiding, the September term of common pleas court opened today. The term is one of the most important in the county's history, there being 350 cases listed for trial during the next 11 weeks. Court will be in continuous session every day until the opening of the December term of court except the week of November 6, the election week.

Both judges were on the bench when court opened today. The trial list for the week was called and motions for continuances were heard by the judges. Out of 35 trials listed for this week, 20 of them are actions in trespass. This is an unusual number for a Fayette county trial list. The West Penn Railways Company and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are defendants this week, and damages are sought in suits against Fayette county, Stewart township, Upper Tyrone township, Jefferson township and the City of Connellsville. The appeal of Louise Veech and others from the award of viewers in their action against the City of Connellsville is listed for trial for Thursday.

"The attitude of the court is that we will not continue any cases on the trial list unless absolutely imperative," said Judge Van Swearingen when the list was called.

The case of Catherine McIntyre and others against the West Penn Railways Company, was stricken from the list, it having been declared to have been placed there improperly, not being at issue.

The European war and the Mexican trouble interferred with the work of the court this week. It was declared that Abelerno Libboroni, plaintiff in a trespass action against the American Window Glass Company, is in the Italian army. H. J. Cupp, plaintiff in two suits for trial tomorrow is on the Mexican border. A material witness for the defense in the case of William S. Stewart, executor, against Betty P. Stewart and others is reported to be out of the United States, probably in Canada.

EXCAVATION COMPLETED

High School Contractors are Preparing for Concrete Foundation.

The excavation for the new high school foundation is about completed and Lawrence & Critchfield, the contractors, have a force of 21 men at work today preparing for the preliminary concreting work. Work on the stone foundation will begin Thursday.

Contractor B. O'Connor finished up with his steam shovel some time ago and the last few days have been devoted to smoothing out the big ditch for the concrete forms.

Architect W. G. Eccles will come on from New Castle tonight or tomorrow to inspect the trenches and go over the heating plans with the board. A special meeting may be called for tonight to discuss the heating plans. When these are approved, bids will be asked.

That the contractors expect to make rapid progress from now on is evidenced by the fact that an order for some of the windows has been placed for delivery in two weeks.

REV. CONLEY RETURNS

Is Again Assigned to the South Connellsville Evangelical Church.

Rev. W. F. Conley will return as pastor of the South Connellsville Evangelical Church, the appointment being made Saturday at the closing session of the sixty-fourth annual conference of the Evangelical Association last night at New Paris, Bedford county. Other appointments were as follows:

Meyersdale, C. E. Miller; Mount Olive, supervision, W. M. Peffer; Paradise, M. B. McLaughlin. Clewell Miller of Meyersdale, was ordained to the ministry. The next conference will be at Johnstown.

GETS LICENSE; NOT WIFE.

Young Man Arranges For Wedding Without Consulting Girl.

Edward Gaster of Connellsville requests The Courier to state that the published report of the marriage of his daughter, Miss Phylis Gaster, to Roy Neff of Cumberland was erroneous.

Mr. Gaster went to Cumberland and learned, he says, that the youth in question secured a marriage license without consulting Miss Gaster and then left that city. The publication of the license in the newspapers gave rise to the rumor that the couple were married.

REV. BOYER TO LEAVE.

Confluence Pastor Receives Call to East Carnegie Mission.

Rev. E. B. Boyer, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Confluence, has received a call from St. Andrew's Mission at East Carnegie. He will in all likelihood accept and take charge on September 17.

Rev. Boyer has been pastor of the Confluence church for the last six years. He was married some months ago to Miss Scott, a sister of W. R. Scott of Connellsville.

Arranges for Trip.

John Gasier, director of the Connellsville Military Band, went to Baltimore yesterday. He is trying to have the Western Maryland run an excursion to Hagerstown on October 12, when the band will play at the fair there.

Sawmill Burns.

A sawmill of T. F. Swaney at Jumonville was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, entailing a loss of about $1,500.

S. W. Dunn is Ill.

S. W. Dunn is ill of typhoid fever at his home at Smock.

The Grim Reaper

PETER McDONOUGH.

Peter McDonough of Leckrone, 61 years old, died Tuesday afternoon from injuries received in a railway accident which occurred Monday, September 4. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth McDonough, widow, Mrs. Elizabeth McDonough, five sons and two daughters.

MRS. NANCY HUSBAND.

Mrs. Nancy Husband, 66 years old, widow of Bryson Husband, died Wednesday morning at her home near Narrows Park, Md. She is survived by the following children: Mary Myers of Greensburg; Mrs. Rose Smith and Ralph E. Husband of Cumberland; Mrs. Matilda Fittro of Ellerslie, Md.; Harry F. Husband and Irvin E. Husband of Pittsburg. The interment was made Thursday at Tarr.

MISS SUE COLLIER.

Miss Sue Collier, one of the best known residents of Uniontown, died Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Adams in Uniontown. Deceased was a daughter of the late John J., and Anna Laidley Collier. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Adams of Uniontown, Mrs. Margaret Eddy of Salem, O., and three brothers, William Collier of Somerset, Thomas L. Collier of Uniontown, and J. J. Collier of Mount Clemens, Mich.

GEORGE ROBSON.

George Robson, 77 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and brother of J. J. Robson of Greenwood, died Thursday at the residence of his son-in-law, W. T. Waite at Carrick, Pa. Mr. Robson was one of the few soldiers to have his wife with him through the part of the conflict and father of a child born on the battlefield. He participated in the famous raid at Lynchburg and in many of the other battles in Virginia and Maryland. Mr. Robson was known here, having visited at his brother's home in Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Robson went to Carrick this afternoon and will remain until after the funeral.

SARAH A. ROBINSON.

Mrs. Sarah A. Robinson of South Connellsville, dropped dead Saturday morning at her home.

Mrs. Robinson was a widow and made her home with her son, H. T. Robinson. Her husband died about six years ago and two weks ago today her daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. T. Robinson died. Deceased is survived by three sons, John M. Robinson of Connellsville; H. T. Robinson of South Connelisville; C. W. Robinson and a daughter, Mrs. D. A. Luckadoo, both of Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Robinson had resided at South Connellsville about 16 years.

JOHN L. CHAMBERS.

John Lloyd Chambers, 90 years old, better known at "Uncle Lloyd," died Friday at his home at Perryopolis. Funeral from the family residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. G. Ruffer will officiate. Mr. Chambers was born October 15, 1826 and spent virtually all his life at Perryopolis. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary Clegg at home; Mrs. Ella Ghrist of Allenport, and Mrs. Laura McMullen of Aurora, Neb.

THOMAS KELLEY.

Thomas Leroy Kelley, the two months old son of William R. and Pearl Coppel Kelley, died Saturday morning at the family residence in Ninth street.

LORAN ORNDORFF.

Loran Dale Orndorff, eight months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Orndorff, died Thursday night of cholera infantum. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with interment in Sugar Loaf cemetery. Deceased is survived by his parents, one sister, Beulah, and two brithers, Bert and Judson.

THELMA SHIPLEY.

Thelma Virginia Shipley, the five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shipley, died yesterday morning at the family residence at Ohiopyle. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment in Sugar Loaf cemetery.

ELIZABETH ADAMITE.

Elizabeth Adamite, 11 months old, died Friday at her parents' home at Leisenring No. 3.

MRS. ELLEN WISSELL.

Mrs. Ellen G. Wissell, mother of William C. Wissell, the West Side hardware merchant, died yesterday at her home at Avalon, Pa.

MRS. FRANCIS MICHALSKI.

Mrs. Francis Michalski, 62 years old, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Wojtzak at Davidson, following a brief illness due to the infirmities of old age.

LIEGE GEORGE.

Liege George, son of Mrs. Andrew George of Dunbar, died Saturday night following an illness of diphtheria.

MRS. ELLEN L. HOUGH.

Mrs. Ellen Louvina Todd Hough, widow of Dr. David Hough, died Saturday at her home in East End, Pittsburg. Funeral services were held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock from the house. Interment at Fayette City.

WILLIAM WILSON.

William Wilson died recently at his home at Kewanee, Ill. His wife died about 10 years ago. Mr. Wilson was well known in Fayette county. He is survived by one son, Edward, and two daughters, Misses Belle and Myrtle Wilson. Mrs. Lucy Greenwood of Dunbar, Mrs. Belle Hickle of Fairchance, and Mrs. Janet Abraham of Smithfield are sisters-in-law of Mrs. Wilson.

BILLIE KING.

Billie King, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper King of Smithfield, died Dunbar on Tuesday, was painfully.

THE DAWSON FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS DESPITE WEATHER

Good Races on All Except the Last Days When Rain Spoiled Track.

ATTENDANCE MADE NEW RECORD

Many Attractions and Exhibits Draw Great Crowds on the Opening Days. Thursday Brought Out 12,000 or More People; List of Prize Winners.

The Dawson Fair came to a close Friday. The rain of Thursday put the track in bad shape, making races impossible on Friday and it was finally decided not to continue the racing program on Saturday. As it was, the fair was a big success. Records would have been established but for the intervention of the Weather Man.

The fair grounds were thrown open to the public Friday, no admission being charged. There was little doing, however, the exhibitors having already begun to remove their stock. The racing horses, drivers and trainers prepared to move as soon as it was definitely decided that there would be no races on Saturday. The midway attractions were still on the ground last night. The Dickerson Run band, augmented by Connellsville musicians, played at the park during the day.

Secretary Harry Cochran and his staff were busy all day distributing premiums to the winners.

It is estimated that in all about 20,000 persons attended.

Thursday was the big day at the Dawson Fair. Despite the bad weather, the turnout was large, being, in fact, a record attendance. The early threats of rain were carried out when a light sprinkle began about noon. No one minded this, but a hard shower at 2 o'clock drove the people to shelter. From that time on, the day was spoiled.

Most of those in attendance sat in the grandstand throughout the afternoon, hoping that the races would be run off. Others left early, but the exodus was comparatively small until about 6 o'clock, when everybody went home.

The officials at the gates estimate that there were between 10,000 and 12,000 people on the grounds yesterday. At least 500 automobiles were parked in the center field.

Immediately after the rain began, the grandstand was opened and people began filing in. When the hard shower came everyone rushed madly for shelter. Throngs congregated under the grandstand, where it was quite dry. Others entered the shows on the midway and the fair buildings. Most people, however, paid their money and entered the grandstand, which was soon crowded to overflowing.

Shortly after 2 o'clock Judge R. E. Biggs announced that the running race would be held immediately and that the harness races would be run off later in the afternoon if weather conditions permitted. The crowd showed no disposition to leave the grandstand after the dash was finished, but waited on to see any races that might be staged.

It was a good natured crowd, taking the disappointment cheerfully and ready for fun at all times. It was a brilliant crowd, too, with many well known people present. Society was out in force, the women's bright colored costumes making the stand present a striking picture.

When the sun came out there was a cheer. The judges figured that if a number of automobiles would drive around the track, it would pack the earth and might make races possible. Judge Biggs announced that cars would be allowed to drive around, as long as there were no chains used on the tires. Some of the machines had a hard time getting out of the parking place because of the jam of cars there, but soon a dozen or more were speeding around the track, giving the appearance of an automobile speedway, rather than a horse racing track.

The crowd greeted the first automobile to go around with cheers, and its skidding caused many laughs. There were more cheers when the first Ford passed the stand; when the first woman driver made the circuit; when the first big truck was called into service, and when a motorcycle lent its aid. But there was much more applause when the first horse came on to the track.

The Connellsville Military Band men did much to make the long wait endurable. Seated in the stand at the racing track, they played a long program with a snap and vigor that gained them applause. Miss Eleanor Savage appeared as soloist with the band, singing the more popular airs of the day.

After the first heat of the special harness race had been run and it was seen that the big races could not be staged, the crowd began to leave. Many, however, remained until all three heats had been run, and then the immense crowd departed from the park. The thousands of people and the hundreds of automobiles leaving the park at the same time caused so much confusion that a special traffic policeman was pressed into service at the gate to the grounds. James Dull of Connellsville, performed this duty.

At the railroad and trolley stations the crowd was just as great.

All interest yesterday afternoon centered in the postponed races. In the morning, however, there were other attractions for the visitors. The carnival shows did a record business and the exhibition buildings were thronged with people.

A number of Connellsville people attended yesterday. Charles H. Bailey took moving pictures of the races.

This afternoon, the races were scheduled to begin at 1 o'clock, weather permitting. Four harness races and a dash were on the card. The Dickerson Run Y. M. C. A. Band was to furnish the music.

Several automobile owners were swindled yesterday by a man who professed to be an official of the fair, and who charged the drivers for parking their cars in the center field. As soon as Secretary Harry Cochran heard of the fraud, he warned the man from the grounds.

Several automobile exhibits have been placed on the grounds. The Well-Mills Garage of Connellsville has a touring car and a truck on display.

The second prize for hand painted china dresser set has been awarded to Miss Vella Decker of Connelisville.

The boys' and girls' stock judging contest was run off at 9.30 Wednesday morning. The complete list of contestants follow:

CATTLE DEPARTMENT.

Short horn bull, 2 years old, E. H Holiday

Ayrshire bull, 3 years old, R. H. Boyd

Ayrshire cow, 3 years old, R. H. Boyd.

Ayrshire bull, 1 year old, R. H Boyd.

Ayrshire heifer, under 1 year, R. H. Boyd.

Guernsey bull, 3 years, Anthony Lunner.

Holstein bull, 3 years, Adam Zorn, first; R. P A. Larmia, second.

Holstein bull, under 1 year, R. P. A Larmia, first and second.

Holstein cow, 3 years, R P A. Larmia, first and second

Holstein cow, 2 years, R P A. Larmia, first and second

Holstein heifer, 1 year, R P. A. Larmia, first; Adam Zorn, second.

Holstein heifer, under 1 year, R. P. A. Larmia, first and second.

Jersey Cow, 3 years, O. H Swagger.

SHEEP DEPARTMENT.

Spanish or Wrinkly Merino class—H. Christy, 4 firsts and a second.

Shropshires and Oxfords—O. H Swagger, 6 firsts 3 seconds

Southdown and Hampshires—O. H Swagger, 3 firsts, 3 seconds.

Dorsets and Cheviots—O. H. Swagger, 6 first, 4 seconds

Cotswold ram, 1 year, O. H. Swagger.

SWINE DEPARTMENT.

Berkshire boar 2 years, O. H. Swagger, first; S. S Shallenberger, second

Berkshire boar, 1 year, O H Swagger

Berkshire boar, under 6 months, O H Swagger, first and second

Berkshire sow, 2 years, O H. Swagger first and second.

Berkshire sow, 1 year, O H. Swagger

Berkshire sow, 6 months, S. S. Shallenberger

Berkshire sow, under 6 months, O H Swagger, first and second

Chester white boar, 1 year, O. H Swagger.

Chester white sow 1 year, O H Swagger.

GRAINS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

White corn, best 12 ears grown in any year, Ewing P Lynch, first Frank Byers second

Best basket tomatoes, F G. Rittlatt, first, E J. Williams, second

Best 12 carrots, E. J. Williams first, S N Steele, second.

TEXTILE AND FANCY WORK

(1) Drawn Work

Tablecloth Miss Iva Hellein.

Dresser scarf Mrs B. Frank Smith, first; Miss Iva Hellein, second

(2) Irish Crochet

Collar, Miss Ethel Painter, first Mrs. J. W Oween, second.

Yoke Mrs. J. C. Moore, first, Miss Ida M. Newcomer, second

(3) Colored Silk Embroidery

Centerpiece, Mrs J C Moore, first Miss Margaret Parsons, second

(4). White Embroidery.

Lunch cloth, Miss Ethel T. Jobes, first, Miss Flora Snyder, second.

Dress, Miss Virginia M Frost, first Miss Iva Hellein, second

Combination suit, Mrs J. M Huntley, first, Miss Iva Hellein, second.

Dresser scarf, Mrs George M Strickler, first; Miss Ester Cosgrove, second

Sideboard scarf, Mrs. George Harbaugh, first, Miss Ethel Jobes, second

Pillow cases, Miss Iva Hellein first, Mrs J C. Harbaugh, second.

Pin cushion, Mrs. Frank A Tarr, first, Miss Ester Cosgrove, second

Centerpiece, Miss Virginia M Frost, first, Mrs Mahlon Stantz, second

(5). Punch Work

Centerpiece, Miss Cora Fairchild, first, Mrs F S Hagans, second.

Pillow cases, Miss Iva Hellein, first, Miss Cora Fairchild second

(6) Knitting and Crochet:

Bridge locket, Mrs Thomas Howard, first; Miss Virginia M Frost, second

(7) Filet.

Sofa pillow, Mrs J. C. Moore, first, Mrs Peter Miller, second

Dresser scarf, Mrs Allen Carpenter, first; Mrs. J. B. Henderson second.

(8) Tatting:

Handkerchiefs, Mrs F S Hagans, first Mrs J B. Henderson second.

(9) Colored Embroidery

Centerpiece, Miss Ethel T Jobes, first; Mrs Thomas Howard second

Sofa Pillow, Mrs W. A. Rankin, first; Miss Edyth Painter, second.

Sideboard scarf, Mrs Mahlon Stantz, first, Mrs B. Frank Smith, second

Set collars and cuffs, Mrs Frank A Tarr, first, Miss Ester Cosgrove, second.

(10) Miscellaneous

Fancy corset cover, Miss Virginia M Frost, first, Mrs. F. S. Hagans, second

Sunbonnet, Mrs. F. S Hagans first, Mrs. Mahlon Stantz, second.

Kitchen apron, Mrs. Mahlon Stantz first, Miss Ester Cosgrove, second

(11) Quilts.

Silk spread, Mrs. Peter Miller first Miss Nora Murphy second.

Crazy (silk), Miss Virginia M Frost, first; Miss Nora Fairchild, second.

Patch work, Miss Susan Welch, first, Mrs F. S. Hagan, second

Crochet, Mrs. John W Gibson, first, Mrs. E J. Echard, second.

Coverlet, Mrs H. J Bell, first; Mrs. F. S Hagans, second

ART DEPARTMENT.

(1). Oil Original:

Mrs. E. J. Emery, 3 firsts, Mrs. M. L. Snyder, 1 first, 5 seconds

Paul W Dunn 2 firsts, 1 second

(2) Oil Copy:

Paul W Dunn, 4 firsts, Mrs T C. Bottomly, 2 seconds

Mrs E. J. Emery, 1 second, Miss M L. Snyder, 1 second

(3) Water Color Original

Miss M L. Snyder, 6 firsts, 1 second Ray Motz, 1 first. Mrs E J Emery, 3 seconds. Paul Dunn, 3 seconds.

(4) Water Color Copy

Miss Virginia Frost, 2 firsts, 1 second L. Gibson, 1 first.

Miss M L. Snyder, 1 first, 1 second Paul W Dunn, 1 first Mrs E. J. Emery, 2 seconds.

(5) Pencil, Crayon, Etc

Mrs E J. Emery, 2 firsts, 2 seconds. Mrs Mahlon Stentz, 1 first.

Paul W. Dunn 2 firsts, 1 second Miss M L. Snyder, 1 first, 2 seconds.

(6). Copy

Mrs E J. Emery, 1 first Paul W. Dunn 1 first 1 second. Miss M L Snyder 1 second

(7). China painting—Professional:

Mrs. Harry Bengal of Connellsville, 6 firsts. Mrs H. J Bell, 1 second

(8) China painting—Amateur:

Ray Motz, 2 firsts; Miss Iva Hellein, 3 firsts, 2 seconds.

Miss Eva Fries, of Connellsville, 1 first. Mrs. J M Huntley, 1 first, Mrs. F. S. Hagans, 1 second.

DEPARTMENT OF JELLIES, ETC.

Grape jelly, Miss Mary B Trent first. Mrs George Newell second.

Current jelly Miss Treth and Mrs Newell.

Red Raspberries preserved, Mrs. H H. Lohm, first; Mrs George Newell, second

Strawberries preserved, Mrs. H H. Lohm, first Mrs. Manning, second.

Canned blackberries, Mrs George Newcomer, first; Mrs. George Newell, second.

Canned raspberries, Miss Mary B. Treth, Mrs Newell.

Canned peaches, Mrs. H. H. Lohm, Mrs. Newell.

Canned pears, Mrs George Newcomer.

Canned cherries, Miss Mary B. Treth, Mrs. Newell.

Canned plums, Mrs. George Newcomer, Mrs. Newell.

Pickled peaches, Mrs. Newcomer, Mrs. A. J. Fairchild.

Mixed sweet pickles Mrs. Newcomer, Miss Anna Junk.

Canned string beans Mrs. George Newell, Mrs Newcomer.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

(1). Needlework:

Embroidered centerpiece Helen Snyder, Nina Smith.

Articles in drawn work, Eve yn Haas.

Articles in hemstitching. Evelyn Haas Anna Alexander.

Articles in outline, Hilda Baker, Anna Alexander

Sofa pillow, Helen Snyder, Alice Martin.

Pin cushion Evelyn Haas.

Fancy apron, May Hixon.

Sample of patch work, Anna Alexander.

New work any design Henrietta Downing, Gertrude Cottom

(2). Art.

Painting in water colors, Grace Laughrey, Edith Laughrey.

Pencil drawing, Grace Laughrey, Edith Laughery.

Pen and ink drawing, Grace Laughrey

(3) Bread, Cake, Pie

Bread Carrie Alexander.

Virginia Rush, Mary Zimmerman.

Rolls Carrie Alexander.

Pie, Olive Ruth Baum, Carrie Alexander

Biscuit, Mary Zimmerman, Carrie Alexander.

Cookies, Carrie Alexander.

(4) Miscellaneous:

Penmanship, Edith Laugrey, Evelyn Haas

Best home-made candy, Olive Ruth Baum

(5) Cooking.

Canned tomatoes Olive Ruth Baum, Evelyn Haas

(6) Sewing.

Corset cover, Jean Bailey Mildred Trech

Apron sewing, Anna E Townsend, Anna Alexander

Guest towel, Henrietta Downing, Magdalena Miller

(7) Manual Training.

Tabourettes, John Zimmerman

Powder boxes, Regina Cochran

Match holders, John Zimmerman

The following poultry awards were made by E M Zundell of Youngswood. Mr Zundell said the exhibit was good though small. He praised particularly the white leghorns white rocks, and Rhode Island reds. The awards

Plymouth Rocks, white, cockerel pullet and pen, all won by William McTarry

Rhode Island reds cock hen cockerel and pullet, firsts and seconds all taken by C. P Moore Rhode Island reds pen won by C P Moore

Leghorns, white, cockerel, pullet and pen, won by E C Snyder Pen second prize taken by Adam Zorn

Minorcas black cockerel and pen, John Woods

Anconas, pen, J S Denk

Silver campines, hen, R E McLaughlin.

Golden campines, hen, R E McLaughlin

Black breasted red games cock and hen, John Woods, firsts and seconds.

Black games, hen, John Woods, first and second

Cornish Indian games cockerel and pullet. Mrs M. D Pritts, firsts and seconds.

MOYER BOYS ARE ACQUITTED

Freed on Charge of Holding Up and Robbing Jack Hyde; Other Court News.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 14—Walter and J. W. Shindeldecker were found not guilty of assault and battery, assault and battery with intent to rob and robbery in a sealed verdict returned to court by the jury last night and opened this morning. They were accused by Jack Hyde, a former vaudeville actor, of holding him up and robbing him of a $35 watch and $21 in money at Moyer on the night of June 20.

During the trial, Mrs. Wareham, a sister of the Shindeldeckers, testified that Hyde had taken her "joy riding" last week during which he made an improper proposal to her, offering at the same time to fix up the case against her brothers

The jury retired this morning in the case in which William Campbell charged with assault and battery and robbery by Martin Boldar, who claims that the defendant held him up and robbed him of $23 in Connellsville on June 24 last

In the case in which Anthony Iacoianni, alias John Enni of Allison was charged with assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery, unlawful cutting and murder, a verdict of and battery was reached by agreement of counsel.

CONVENTION ENDS

County Organization of W. C. T. U. Has a Good Meeting.

Many delegates from all over the county attended the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Fayette County which adjourned Friday in the Central Presbyterian Church in Brownsville. At the session Thursday Mrs Arthur Glotfelty of this city read an interesting report.

At the round table yesterday afternoon woman's suffrage was discussed. Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll of Connellsville was in charge of a discussion of department work

Among the delegates present were Mrs Ida Seaman, Mrs. W. D. Ringer of South Connellsville; Mrs. Pleasant Hall, Mrs. Samuel Luce and Mrs. Joseph Piersol of Perryopolis; Mrs. Hiram Hall of Mill Run; Mrs. Felecia D. Krepps of Stewarton; Mrs C W. Boerbower, Miss Anna Junk of Dunbar; Mrs. Anna Bailey, Mrs. L Darr, Mrs. Malinda Hyatt and Mrs. Lawrence of Star Junction.

GET DOUBLE DOSE.

Adelaide Kids Find Little Sympathy for Being Bad in School.

The little coke town of Adelaide has discovered the best way to enforce discipline in the schools, according to Dennis E. Cunningham, newly appointed postmaster there

"When a child gets a licking from the teacher," he says, "he also gets one when he gets home We stick up for our teachers down here. That's why none of them even want to be transferred."

Killed by Street Car.

Julius Shipley of Grindstone was instantly killed Saturday night at Thornton station when he was struck by a West Penn street car.

CALLS HUGHES MAN OF HOUR

Senator Penrose Declares People Have Made Up Their Minds to Get Rid of Wilson.

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa., Sept 18—United States Senator Penrose, in an address delivered at a Republican mass meeting, attended by many Montgomery county voters, Saturday afternoon said in part:

"It is daily becoming more and more evident that the American people have made up their minds to get rid of the Wilson Administration

"Governor Hughes is the man of the hour. He has inspired the American people with entire confidence in his ability, his character and integrity and he has met the issues with logic, intelligence and directness. He will be elected because the people know that he will make a great President, and because, over and above everything else, they have made up their minds to get rid of Democratic incompetence and extravaganec.

"The Democratic party leaders for many years have been proclaiming that the protective tariff was robbery, and they have come out in the recent revenue bill, without any further disguise, in favor of a system of direct taxes They have boldly declared that they favor free trade, and would emulate the practise of the British government in raising revenues by direct taxation

"When the sixteenth amendment was adopted giving Congress the power to tax incomes, the American people never intended that the government should abandon the revenues derived from the custom house, or that the country should be placed upon a free trade basis, with a system of burdensome direct taxation."

LICENSED TO HUNT

Many More Sportsmen Receive the Necessary Papers.

Among those who received hunters' licenses last week are the following from this end of the county.

Connellsville, C. M Ramage F G Miller, B C. Martin, John J Keating, Scott Richter, Joe Tangretti, Elmer Hough H. O. Markle, J E Angle, G. R Marietta, W. H. Marietta, William McCormick, A H Patterson, Crispino Caringola, Brady Coles, Frank Carioto, C. H Walter; Juniata, John Cashino, Howard Larta, W S Oldland, Ray Hart, W J. Grader, Jerit Coughenour; Pennsville, Charles Means, Layton, S B Hamilton, Dunbar, Dennune Provance, Ed S Vaughn, Charles Cooper, H. T. Ellenberger; Dawson, J S Laughrey; Ohiopyle, R M Nicholson Perryopolis, Lindsey Stickel; Leisenring, Dan Nolan, Mount Braddock, Amos Kebley, Dunbar township, J. D Leighty, L. L. Leighty, Donald Kerr; Smithfield, A L. Miller T J. Moats, Lemont, James Darby, Chris Ramage; Bellevernon, James Patterson, Mill Run, G W Marietta.

TO PROTECT STREETS

South Brownsville Proposes to Put End to Tearing Them Up.

South Brownsville borough has solved the problem of how to keep paved streets in good condition after the paving is laid. Notice has been served on all public service companies having pipes under Prospect street, which is about to be paved, that no permits for repairs will be issued after the street has been paved.

"The attention of these public service companies," the notice reads, "is called to the proposed paving and if the lines now laid in Prospect street are not adequate to meet all future demands, the lines must be increased before the paving of Prospect street is completed

All gas and water lines must be extended inside the curb and all owners of unimproved real estate must put in their gas meter and sewer connections before the paving starts

Untermeyer Operated On.

YONKERS N. Y. Sept 15.—Samuel Untermeyer, noted lawyer, was operated on for intestinal trouble at his country home, Greystone, here yesterday. The attending physician reported that the patient was doing well.

Soda Water

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D Commissioner of Health.

The soda fountain has become a national institution. The fact that it is universally used is not, however, to be taken as a recommendation. Naturally during the warm months there is an unusual hankering for cool liquids. What the system really craves in hot weather is water. Cool water, not ice cold. This is a natural demand and one that should be supplied

We have acquired a taste for sweetened concoctions which masquerade under the names of all the fruits that were found in the Garden of Eden and others never heard of except on soda fountain advertisements The bulk of these are chemical products in which no actual fruit is used They are seldom nourishing.

In very hot weather a glass or so of these sweetened liquids will often interfere materially with the digestion and their tendency is to lessen the normal appetite for nourishing food.

There is another factor connected with the serving of drinks, soft and otherwise, which is open to the severest criticism. In many places the provision for the cleansing of the glasses is inadequate. Too often a hasty sousing in a tank of water is the only washing which they receive It is a well known fact that washing utensils in cold water is not sufficient to properly cleanse them and destroy germ life.

The evils of the public drinking cup have been thoroughly exploited and al too often the soda glass comes within the category.

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE ROADS ABOUT HERE

Route to Graham's Crossing is Open to Travel for Few Days.

A NEW WAY TO SCOTTDALE

While Morgan Valley is Scene of Construction Work Some Drivers Are Taking Old Narrows Road to Valley Works; Pennsville Progress.

Good progress is being made upon the new county and township roads in this section, according to County Engineer John P Gephart and officials of the Bell-Bockel Company, contractors on the Broad Ford and Pennsville roads.

Word from Leisenring is that the road to Uniontown by way of Leisenring No. 3 is now open for travel, though about 1,000 feet of it is still unpaved Engineer Gephart stated today that though it is possible for teams to go through now, the road will be closed again in a few days when Contractor John Duggan resumes work on the remainder of the concrete

A new route to Scottdale, or rather, an old route, has been discovered by drivers over the Narrows since the highway through Owensdale has been made impassable by the paving operations. Instead of turning to the left and down the hill to Morgan, a turn is made to the right and Scottdale is reached via Valley works and Everson. This is much shorter and just as good driving as the Dawson route

The Bell-Bockel Company will start putting in the concrete base on the Pennsville road within the next week The grading has been completed from Pennsville to Iron Bridge and sewers and bridges are about finished. The workmen are now engaged at the Iron Bridge end of the job.

The same contractors are pushing the work on the Broad Ford-Owensdale road. A steam shovel is taking out the dirt in great quantities and the grading is finished from the top of the Narrows hill to about midway on the "horseshoe" curve On the Owensdale end of the road about three-quarters of a mile of the telford base is laid Paving will be started next week Unionite is to be the surface on this stretch.

"It depends upon the weather," County Engineer Gephart replied to an inquiry as to whether any of the roads would be completed this fall "One day rain means two days lay-off, but with good weather, rapid progress can be made."

TRAIN PILES UP IN SAND PATCH

Tunnel is Completely Blocked When Freight is Wrecked; Trains Detour.

The Sand Patch tunnel was blocked Friday morning when ten freight cars were derailed in the tunnel. The cars are piled high and it is expected that it will take all day to clear the tunnel The derailment occurred at 7 o'clock this morning.

As far as Baltimore & Ohio officials can learn there was no one hurt in the wreck Passenger trains are being brought in today over the Western Maryland tracks

The blocking of the Sand Patch tunnel recalls the trouble in 1912, when the same tunnel was blocked and the Western Maryland line had not yet been completed. This time the condition is not so serious

SAILS ON THE 26TH

Rev. Cunningham's Departure for Home is Advanced.

Rev. W D. Cunningham, who has been unusually successful in missionary work in Japan, will sail from Tokio for America on September 26, his departure for home having been advanced several weeks, according to a notice in a religious publication. He will spend some time visiting in this section, he having been born and reared in Upper Tyrone township.

Rev Cunningham's career as a missionary has been a conspicuous success. Originally turned down because of poor health when he sought to be accepted as a missionary, he went to the Orient on his own account and did such good work that he was accepted by the church board. He is now returning after a long absence to enable his daughters to attend school here

ISSAC CROPP INJURED

Is Struck by a Chute at Beech Bottom Electric Plant.

Isaac Cropp was slightly injured Friday afternoon when a hoisting cable broke, causing a chute to fall, at the Beech Bottom plant of the American Gas & Electric Company, now under course of construction 12 miles north of Wheeling The carpenter foreman, Louis Bartalucci, of Wellsburg, W Va., was killed and two other workmen in addition to Mr. Cropp were injured

According to word received here Mr. Cropp escaped with a slight injury to the shoulder For the past six months he had been working at Beech Bottom. Mr. Cropp is a brother of Mrs. T. J. Hooper of the West Side, and a son-in-law of James J. Barnhart of Sunny Side

Seeks a Divorce.

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 15.—Jessie E. Brookman, of Connellsville, filed a suit for a divorce from George H. Brookman, of Scottdale. They were married in October, 1911. Cruel and barbarous treatment, desertion and the refusal of Brookman to pay his bills are grounds alleged for the divorce.

MAN IS KILLED MOVING A SHED

George Wagner, Well Known in Bullskin Township, is Victim of Unusual Accident.

Another member of the Wagner family of Bullskin township, met a tragic death Thursday afternoon when the father, George Wagner, 40 years old, was instantly killed while changing the location of a frame coal shed on his property, near the Moore Memorial Church The building, which was about 14 feet square had been propped up and collapsed while Mr. Wagner was digging underneath it. His wife witnessed the accident, and although neighbors hurriedly removed the wreckage the body of Mr. Wagner was lifeless when taken from beneath the debris He was struck by the corner of the building, suffering a crushed skull and a broken neck The body was removed to the Wagner home and Funeral Director J. E. Sims was summoned and prepared it for burial. Mr. Wagner was a miner.

Deceased was born at Rockwood and later moved to Breakneck. He married Miss Mollie Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson. In addition to his widow he is survived by nine children as follows: Olive, William, Albert, Peter, Margaret, Irene, John, Ella and a baby girl about a year old Mr. Wagner was a charter member of Friendship Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Moyer, and was widely known throughout Bullskin township Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house and at 3 o'clock from the Mount Olive Church. Rev. Long will officiate. Interment in Mount Olive cemetery

Arthur Wagner, 17 years old, a son, was one of the four young men who lost their lives last March when the roof of a Baltimore & Ohio hot well collapsed while Loren Jones of the Bob Jones party was conducting a noonday meeting at the Baltimore & Ohio shops.

FORCE MAIL BOX

Youngsters are Suspected of Annoying the Postoffice Officials.

Mischievous boys forced the lock on a large mail box at the corner of Fairview and Cottage avenues on Saturday night and only prompt action by the night force at the postoffice prevented mail matter from being stolen

This particular box has been subjected to so much abuse that Postmaster McGinnis says it will have to be removed unless the depredations are stopped The mail carrier seldom opens this box but that he has to take out a quantity of sticks and stones and other refuse. The youngsters think it is great fun to deposit such things in the mail receptacle

There are nine of these large boxes located in various parts of the city and no complaints have been made about abuses of any but the one on Fairview avenue They are for mailing packages and other large mail matter.

WALKING DOESN'T REDUCE

Young Woman Walks Many Miles; Gains Three Pounds.

Walking is no good to reduce, a South Side girl who tried it avers. The young woman in question is plump, according to her friends, but according to herself she is downright fat. Consequently she and a companion took to taking long hikes. They walked everywhere and in all conditions. After a couple of weeks she discovered that she was getting no thinner fast.

"Last week, she told a reporter mournfully, "I weighed 114 3-4. In the meantime I walked over so many miles. Yesterday I dipped the scales at 117."

The reporter admitted that that was some reducing.

MAY LIFT BAN.

Dr. Dixon Indicates Early End of the Plague Quarantine.

The state infantile paralysis quarantine to prevent children without health permits from entering Pennsylvania may be lifted the first of the week of October, according to Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, state commissioner of health.

Dr. Dixon said yesterday:

"I think from now on the number of cases of paralysis will grow smaller I cannot say positively when the quarantine will be lifted," He added that all schools throughout the state would be permitted to open the fall term Monday to students over 16

Succumbs at South Brownsville.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, 82 years old, of South Brownsville, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs William McIntosh

CONNELLSVILLE'S BAND TO PLAY AT HAGERSTOWN FAIR

Musicians are Engaged for the Big Day, October 12.

STAYS FOR A NIGHT PROGRAM

Contract Calling For 30 Pieces and Two Soloists Will Enable Local Boys to Make a Fine Showing; A Fine Advertisement For the Town.

The Connellsville Military Band will furnish music on the big day of the fair classic of the east—the Hagerstown Fair. A contract was signed Friday which takes the musicians to the pretty Maryland city on Thursday, October 12, for both a day and night engagement. W. C. Bishop returned this morning after meeting with the fair committee and closing the engagement.

Not only for the band, but for Connellsville as well, the engagement is a valuable one. The Hagerstown Fair is regarded as probably the best of its kind that is held in the east. An indication of its popularity is shown by the fact that on the big day last year there were 55,000 paid admissions to the grounds. The fair attracts visitors from all over Maryland, Virginia West Virginia and parts of Pennsylvania.

That the Connellsville Military Band has been engaged for the biggest day of the week is a remarkable tribute to this musical organization. It is one of the results of the annual Pen Mar excursions. Leader John Gaster has been taking the band to Pen Mar since the Western Maryland started its excursions there, and as a consequence the band came to be regarded in that section of Maryland as one of the best. Despite this fact, the band boys, when they filed application for an engagement at the Hagerstown Fair, hardly hoped they would be engaged for the biggest day of all.

Already plans are being made to send a big delegation to the Maryland city on the day the band plays there. Several automobile parties will make the trip and the Western Maryland may run an excursion.

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

If so advertise it in The Weekly Courier. Results follow.

Legal Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the first account and report of G S. Harah, L W Pogg and John R. Thompson, receivers of Tower Hill-Connellsville Coke Company, covering the period from January 21, 1915, to and including June 30 1916, has been filed in the Prothonotary's Office, and will be presented to Court for allowance and confirmation on the second day of October, A. D 1916, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary GEORGE M. RATHMELL Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., September 1, 1916 7sept4tw

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FIGHTING TENTH PLANS RECEPTION FOR HOMECOMERS

Big Jollification Promised When Third Battalion Returns.

HAVE BEEN IN BIG BEND LANDS

Test Hike and Inspection is Held to Determine Amount of Equipment Men Can Carry on March Without Being Over Burdened; Camp Notes

CAMP STEWART, El Paso Tex, Sept. 11—There are big doings in store for the Fighting Tenth this week The Third Battalion will return Wednesday or Thursday and there sure promises to be some excitement The boys are already making preparations for the reception on their return The entire regiment headed by the band will be out to extend their welcome. All the companies with the exception of one are now at Marathon and just as soon as they are all in they will board the train for Camp Stewart. It is only a matter of eight or ten hours ride on the train from that point. From reports of the boys in that district they certainly will be glad to get back, too They have undergone considerable hardship in the matter of food and clothing owing to the condition of the roads at that place Jimmy Darr Dewey Miller Carl Snair Charles McCormick, William Martray William Rodgers Clifton Crowley and Walter Lazelle all of Connellsville are with the hospital detachment in that district and the boys of the hospital corps are planning a big reception for them

Charles Smith better known as 'Buck' cook for the hospital corps was granted his discharge and will leave for Fort du Pont Delaware this evening to be mustered out Owing to Mount Gretna being closed up it is necessary for those being mustered out to go to Fort du Pont. While the boys were sorry to see him leave they all envied him Buck will be greatly missed by the Connellsville boys

The Tenth Regiment is now down to a routine of daily maneuvers and regimental drills Saturday was field inspection day The regiment was marched out in full field equipment and after a short hike the packs were unslung and the shelter tents pitched and general inspection held Colonel Coulter delivered a lecture to the boys and told them the object was to find out just how much equipment a man could carry without hardship and with the man's comfort as the object He said the men should carry all the small things necessary for their comfort The pack was supposed to contain a shelter tent half rubber poncho blanket, tent pole and pans a suit of underclothes two pairs of sox pair of shoe strings foot powder towel soap tooth brush and powder and comb and brush with needles and thread for mending purposes These packs are carried in a roll in addition to the other equipment of the men and by the time they have marched several miles becomes pretty burdensome The inspection was very satisfactory in every respect

All companies of the Tenth have been qualifying on the rifle range the past week and expect to have all men qualified by the 15th of September the time set for the completion of the shooting There have been some good shots developed during the stay here particularly among Company D men

Montgomery Dilworth has now been installed as second lieutenant of Company D and is accustoming himself to his new duties Dilworth is quite popular among the men and gives promise of making a valuable addition to the company

Major General Clements gave the boys an interesting talk at the show of the Third Regiment Saturday night. The general was a visitor and when he made his appearance he was greeted with three hearty cheers by all present and asked to make a speech. The general responded and said when the Seventh Division returned it would be the most competent and complete organization in the country He said that there would be three regiments of artillery and a full regiment of engineers He said the guns were on the way for the artillery Colonel Coulter was also present and responded with a short talk The show was a success in every way There was no show in the Tenth Wednesday night owing to the absence on a furlough of Major Joe Thompson who is the promoter of these entertainments Major Thompson is expected back today

Homer Moser, first sergeant of the hospital corps had a nightmare the other night and go up about 11 o clock and thought it was morning It was a bright moonlight night and "Monk" thought it was morning and proceeded to try to wake everybody up He heard taps sounded and thought it was reveille He could not be convinced for some time that it was only 11 o clock.

There are many rumors afloat just now about the return of the Pennsylvania troops the first of October Although there is nothing definite it is said the railroads are making room for many Pennsylvania coaches

VICTIM OF PLAGUE.

Infantile Paralysis Case Develops at Newtown, Near Brownsville.

Another case of infantile paralysis has developed in Fayette county The victim is Paul Yancnus four years old, of the Newtown section of South Brownsville The child's right arm and right leg are paralyzed and he is in a semi conscious condition. His death is expected at any time.

According to the mother, the child had been in the best of health up until yesterday A strict quarantine has been placed over the house

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HE JUST CAN'T ELUDE FRIENDS

M. J. Rorke of Smithton, on Honeymoon, Finds Them All Over New York.

A New York correspondent of a Pittsburg newspaper writes the following sketch on the futile efforts of M J Rorke of Smithton to lose himself in New York city

If anyone in the United States is lonely and wants to meet his friends let him get married and come to New York on his honeymoon That is what M J Rorke of Smithton Pa who is stopping at the Biltmore Hotel said yesterday After marrying Miss Julia K Clarke in Jeannette a few days ago Mr Rorke began to seek a quiet place for a honeymoon—a place where he could avoid meeting anyone he knew He tried several small towns en route to New York city and in each one he met some one When he reached this city he said he thought that at last he could find a haven in the Biltmore

A few hours after their arrival Mrs Rorke asked one of the assistant managers to page her husband What is the name? she was asked Rorke she said 'Where does he come from' 'Smithton, Pa and his initials are M. J,' replied Mrs Rorke

Well by gosh he's my cousin said the assistant manager

SOME QUEER SPEECHES

Democrats Show Need of Censor as They Open State Campaign.

HARRISBURG Sept. 15—The lid was floated off the Democratic campaign in Pennsylvania here yesterday by a flood of oratory in which the Democratic State candidates party leaders and a member of President Wilson's Cabinet indicated the lines upon which they propose to wage their fight

Appealing first to the labor vote and the Progressives they pointed with pride to the accomplishment of the Wilson administration bitterly denounced the Republican organization and Governor Brumbaugh and mildly roasted Charles Evans Hughes the G O P standard bearer

The effort to marshal the Progressives behind the donkey forces took curious turns at the first performance of the 1916 spellbinders One orator would plead fervently with the Progressives and extol their sincerity and intelligence only to have the next speaker buffet the Progressives off the pedestal and rough house them about the stage at the Board of Trade where the Democratic state committee met and its candidates were formally notified of their nomination

VETERANS TO MEET

Annual Reunion of Fayette Association Will be Held Next Month.

Invitations have been issued for the annual reunion of the Fayette County Veterans Association to be held on Thursday October 5 beginning at 8 A M in the Municipal Building Uniontown It is expected that William Paterson of Pittsburg national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic with his chief of staff Ben Gaugh State Comrade Lowry of Butler Colonel J M Schoonmaker of Pittsburg and State Commander Arensburg will be present.

The earlier part of the morning session will be devoted to enrollment and the distribution of badges The business meeting will convene at 10 A M and at 12 o clock dinner will be served A feature of the afternoon will be a campfire beginning at 2 30 o clock The Fayette Veterans Association is composed of soldiers living in the county and representing 135 regiments of 14 states

HONORS FOR TURNEY

Former Resident Here Given Celebration in Honor of His Wedding

Two thousand employes of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad shops at Huntington W Va. laid off work and paraded to celebrate the marriage of R. W Turney 61 years old general foreman of the machine shops at Huntington and Miss Emma M Lauderback a sister of Mr Turney's former wife

Mr Turney learned the machinist trade at the old National Locomotive Works here and is well known among railroad men of Connellsville and vicinity He was a star baseball player on the old Yough team

The celebration was the most unique ever held at Huntington

MAY KILL DOGS

Those Running at Large in Woods Likely to be Shot.

Dogs turned loose on the mountains unaccompanied by owners or masters may be killed and the owners shall have no recourse at law according to Dr Joseph Kalbfus secretary of the State Game Commission

Dogs may be trained upon any of the living wild game or birds of the state except elk deer and fawn from September 1 to March 1 next following so long as no injury is inflicted upon the said animals or birds They must be with their masters and under their control however and must not run loose Even those with their masters may be killed unless they shall have tax tags attached to their collars

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

Driver Pours 100 Gallons of Good Gasoline Down a Sewer.

A story that will strike motorists dumb with horror comes from McKeesport where the driver of an oil firm dumped 100 gallons of perfectly good gasoline into the sewer thinking he was pouring it into the tank of a doctor's private garage

One hundred gallons of high grade gas, valued at $22 in McKeesport and capable of propelling a gasoline buggy from 1,000 to 3,000 miles, according to what kind of a machine you have, went into the sewer

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FREIGHT BLOCKS FIRE TRUCK FOUR VALUABLE MINUTES

Responding to East Side Alarm, Firemen are Held Up.

CENTRAL STATION NEED URGED

Passing Freight Completely Isolates Every Piece of Fire Fighting Machinery in One Corner of Town, While Business District is Helpless.

Evidence that Connellsville should have a central fire station on the East Side was furnished Wednesday when the fire truck was held up for four minutes at the Pennsylvania crossing West Main street by a passing freight train Luckily the call from Box 231 near the Third Ward school was a false alarm but the incident emphasized the danger from a big fire if the apparatus is marooned on the West Side while a long train of cars passes over the crossing

Four minutes would give the fire men time to get to a fire in the business section and have a stream of water or two playing on the fire And four minutes is not the limit which the firemen might be held if stopped just as a train is starting across the street.

All of Connellsville's fire fighting equipment—two motor hose trucks and the new $6 250 hook and ladder truck—are now kept across the river at the West Side station The East Side station was abandoned some months ago after the old fire wagon had been converted into a motor truck Under such circumstances as last night the East Side is without fire protection If a derailed car happened to block the crossing for a long time the East Side would be in dire peril from fire

The alarm came in from Box 231 about 8 30 o clock Truck No 1 which answers all first calls was off in a short time

At the Main street crossing the firemen found their way blocked by a freight train The strings of cars which pass through the city over the Pennsylvania are unusually long and crossings have been blocked by them for almost 10 minutes Sometimes all of the East Side crossings are closed at one time There was no way for the firemen to have the train cut and it is doubtful if this would have saved any time

At the Fire Prevention Celebration last week C A Vlachos secretary for the Underwriters Association, told an audience that the first five minutes of a fire were the most important The local department lost four of these precious minutes last night

No word has been heard in council recently about the proposed central fire station which it is stated on good authority will eventually be built on city hall lawn The plan of Director of Public Safety M B Pryce to establish the new hook and ladder truck in temporary quarters in the Maccabee Building on South Pittsburg street has not been acted upon by council

A petition signed by about 125 business men asking that two of the three fire trucks be located on the East Side was presented to council in July It was filed without any action being taken

It is possible that apparatus located on the East Side might be blocked on North Pittsburg street by a passing freight train but the protection would be there for the business section and there are other routes to the North End in case of necessity There is only one way to get from the West Side to the East Side and that is over the bridge It is possible to go by way of Dawson and Scottdale but that is too long in case of fire

CLASS ENTERTAINS

Loyal Workers of Mount Olive Church Gather at Marietta Farm

The Loyal Workers Bible Class of the Mount Olive United Brethren Church entertained the Mount Olive Class Wednesday evening at its regular monthly meeting held on the porch of the Marietta summer home through the courtesy of Mrs Marietta About sixty persons attended

Vocal selections were rendered by I P Crossland Mr Fisher Miss Lita Shetler the Misses Stillwagon and Fisher and Mrs Thomas Woods with Mrs Fern Fisher accompanist A recitation by Miss Anna Woods and select readings by Mrs I P Crossland and Mrs J E Medsga concluded the program An elaborate luncheon was served after which Mrs Guy Wentsler of Ruffsdale a recent bride and a member of the class was showered

NOT PLAGUE VICTIM

County Medical Officers Investigate Case From Vanderbilt.

Following an investigation into a suspected case of infantile paralysis at the home of Mr and Mrs Dominic Snerman near Vanderbilt Wednesday Dr O R Altman of Uniontown county representative of the State Department of Health found that the case was not one of the child disease

For the past five days a five year old girl of the family has been ill but no physician was summoned Neighbors notified Dr Altman

The absolute quarantine placed around the home of little Leona Skinner at Bear Run was lifted yesterday the child being on a road to recovery Indications are however that the child's left leg will be permanently useless

Granted Marriage License.

Gustave Kerbywhite and Emma Gene Swope, both of Wheeler, were granted a marriage license in Uniontown.

PRIEST ARRAIGNED; GIRL HIS ACCUSER

Rev. Stephen Ulrich is Defendant in Serious Charges Made by Housekeeper's Daughter.

UNIONTOWN Sept. 15—Mary Catherine Zboya 16 years old and pretty on the witness stand before Judge J Q Van Swearingen today accused Rev Stephen Ulrich pastor of a Slavish church in Connellsville of making several attempts to have improper relations with her The girl appeared as the prosecutrix against Rev Ulrich today charging him with assault and battery with intent

The girl testified that she was born in Perth Amboy N J Her father died when she was two weeks old and she and her mother went to Europe when she was an infant She remained there nine years she testified She was brought back by Rev Ulrich she testified, and was placed in St Michael's Orphan Asylum at Hopewell N J where she remained for two years Her mother has been housekeeper for Rev Ulrich for almost eight years and when she was 12 years old she testified she was taken to Leechburg by her mother to live at Rev Ulrich's house She testified that she was subject to indignities from him from that time

They lived in Leechburg two years the girl testified and in 1915 came to Connellsville

After one attempt the girl said she took $50 from her mother's pocket book to buy a railroad ticket and clothes and went to Leechburg She said that she stayed there at the home of Mrs Zuconic and consulted an attorney there After staying at the Zuconic home a week she said her mother came after her threatening her arrest on an incorrigibility charge if she did not return home She said that she went back to Connellsville with her staying there a day She said that Rev Ulrich again made advances toward her She testified that she slept a night in the church basement and the next day went to Mr Moduchuskey the church organist told him her story and again went to Leechburg She said that she was brought to Everson by Attorney Roberts where she made the information against Rev Ulrich before Justice of the Peace Moorhead

The priest's defense it is said will be that he is the victim of a plot A faction of the church headed by the organist is trying oust him he claims

UNIONTOWN Sept 16—That Miss Catherin Zbova the 16 year old prosecutrix in the case of Rev Stephen Ulrich pastor of the St John the Evangelist Slavish Church in Connellsville is the tool of enemies who are attempting to ruin him was the estimation of the priest on the witness stand in criminal court today The Connellsville clergyman is on trial on charges of attacking the daughter of his housekeeper Mrs Mary Zbova

A sweeping denial of the girl's [illegible] was made [illegible] Rev Ulrich He denied ever [illegible] charges made by the girl that he had attacked her in [illegible] in West Main street Connellsville at the rectory at [illegible] where they formerly resided [illegible] The priest [illegible] that he had only a revolver the girl having testified yesterday that he owns three and denied that he ever pointed the weapon at her on any occasion Rev Ulrich declared that he never walked out the house [illegible]

The priest told that [illegible] in Leechburg he sent Mary to high school She did not want to go to school he said after they moved to Connellsville and he taught her to play the piano and the pipe organ He said that she never complained of her treatment and he declared that he always had treated her the best that he could

Rev Ulrich testified that he met John Madichofsky 13 years ago at the seminary where they both were studying to become priests He said that Madichofsky was unable to become a clergyman and that he advised him to take up music Rev Ulrich said that he furnished Madichofsky with books and taught him music When he came to Connellsville a little more than a year ago he said that he found Madichofsky as the organist in the church

After receiving a letter from the bishop last May Rev Ulrich testified he dismissed Madichofsky as the organist He said that he refused to leave and kept on playing Later he said the organist sued the church for salary for playing after he had been dismissed

Rev Ulrich testified that Madichofsky came to the rectory and told him You're trying to get rid of me I'll ruin you The priest testified that a few days after he was arrested on the charges preferred by Mary Catherine Zbova

As far as I know she's a good girl testified the priest Maybe she was put up to this by bad fellow to ruin me

Mary Zbova mother of the girl testified in behalf of the priest declaring she never heard of any indignities toward her daughter until she was told of his arrest She denied her daughter's statement that she had been intimate with the priest

ESTATE WORTH $14,000

Statement is Filed by Administratrix of Fred Robbins.

The estate of Fred Robbins manager of the Soisson Theatre was valued at $14 000 according to the application for administrator papers filed Thursday Mrs May Smith Robbins widow of the deceased has been named administratrix

The estate consists of $7 000 personal property and $7 000 in real estate according to the statement filed with the Register of Wills Henry R Titterington

The heirs are Mrs Maude Martin of Philadelphia a sister, Edward S Robbins whose whereabouts is unknown, a brother and Mrs Robbins

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FRICK PREDICTS HUGHES VICTORY; STRONG IN THE WEST

Steel Magnate Also Expects War to Keep This Country Prosperous.

WILL LAST MORE THAN A YEAR

U S Steel at 107, Record Price, a Good Investment, He Declares, and Cheap; Fears Labor Agitation and Wants no More Congress Settlements

PITTSBURG Sept 15—H C Frick paid a hasty visit to Pittsburg yesterday and as usual gave out an interesting interview He predicted the election of Mr Hughes was outspoken in his praise of the Republican nominee and declared his private advices indicate the candidate is much stronger in the West than is generally understood

Referring to the prosperity of the country at this time Mr Frick predicted that it would continue although admitting that it is dependent upon the war He added that even so there is no danger of an immediate cessation of the good times

The only danger he sees in the near future is the possibility of more labor trouble

Conditions will continue good I am sure—unless we have too much labor agitation

When it was suggested that much of the agitation had been settled he answered

Yes but we do not wish Congress to settle any more of it.

Mr Frick said that the railroad [illegible] is apparently at an end [illegible] he added the Adamson bill is found unconstitutional which is not altogether improbable

So confident is Mr Frick of the continuance of prosperity that he declared United States Steel stock at the war price of 107 its record high mark is cheap and a very good investment He did not advise buying for speculation

This is partly true he said because the great home demand for steel is then [illegible] He acquiesced in the prediction of lasting prosperity made by President [illegible] Farrell of the Steel Corporation in his address at Duquesne

Mr Frick was very outspoken in his praise of Mr Hughes and made predictions of his election He had private advices he said that the Republican candidate had [illegible] successful in the West than generally understood The results in Maine he said were immensely gratifying and he thought the bearing on Hughes was [illegible] He specifically pointed out [illegible] Democrats [illegible] [illegible] good men [illegible]

PATENT BURNER WILL SAVE GAS

Point Marion Man Has a Device Which Automatically Cuts Cooking Cost

Charles O'Neil of Point Marion has received a patent upon a gas burner which he claims will prove a boon to housewives in reducing the amount of gas consumed for cooking He is anxious to place it on the market

O'Neil's device consists of a little ster protruding upward from the middle of the gas burner When a cooking utensil is placed upon it it automatically opens the gas valve When the utensil is removed the valve closes without any turning with the exception of one hole in each burner Gas escapes in such a small quantity as to be negligible in point of cost and yet the burner is still lighted ready to flame up when the utensil is placed back on it

The inventor reserves the right in his patent to use a pilot light in connection with the burner when it will be unnecessary to use a match or taper each time the burner is to be used

Mr O'Neil says that use of his device will save much money especially where cooking is done on a large scale As soon as a skillet is taken off the burner the gas consumption is reduced to a minimum but when it is placed back on the flame is increased automatically without turning the valve

BREAD SALE REGULATION

Sealers of Weights and Measures Take Action.

HARRISBURG Sept 16—The State convention of sealers of weights and measures yesterday adopted resolutions favoring legislation to give them authority to regulate the sale of bread in Pennsylvania

James Sweeney called attention to reports about increases of the retail price of bread and suggested legislation as the state is operating under a law passed in 1780

Only Two Recruits.

Two regular army recruits were enrolled in Fayette county in August

BIG CELEBRATION

Colored Residents to Observe Emancipation Day, September 22.

Connellsville colored residents will take an active part in the emancipation celebration to be held in Uniontown on September 22 One whole division of the parade will be given over to this city's representatives

Rev A J Payne of Connellsville is a member of the executive committee The Connellsville colored band will participate

Marry in Cumberland.

Miss Iva Mae Stewart and Stewart Martin, both of Perryopolis Miss Lucy Jane Moon and Benjamin Harrison Taylor, both of Ohiopyle were married yesterday in Cumberland.

GRAND RALLY OF G. O. P. IS PLANNED

State Chairman Crow Plans to Call Republican Committee Together When Hughes Visits

Chairman William E Crow of the Republican state committee yesterday notified William H Coleman chairman of the Republican county committee of Allegheny that he is considering the advisability of convening the state committee in Pittsburg on the afternoon of September 27 the day Charles E Hughes the Republican presidential nominee is to make his speech in this city

If Mr Crow carries out his plan it will mean a Republican state platform will be adopted here and the Pennsylvania campaign formally opened with speeches by Philander C Knox nominee for United States senator Charles A Snyder nominee for auditor general Harmon M Kephart nominee for state treasurer and the four nominees for congressman at large It will bring together leading Republicans from all parts of Pennsylvania who will have an opportunity to hear Mr Hughes deliver his night address Following the Pittsburg opening the state candidates are expected to start on a four weeks tour through Pennsylvania.

Two years ago Mr Crow convened the state committee there for the adoption of the platform and the opening of the state campaign It was suggested some time ago that he follow the same program for this year Several weeks ago he notified former Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon he would be named as chairman of the platform committee So far he has not selected the other members but it is expected this will be done at once and the declaration of state principles of the party put in form

IS FOUND GUILTY

Somerset Farmer, Released from Asylum Convicted of Pointing Gun

Milton Critchfield a farmer of Black township Somerset county was found guilty last week of pointing fire arms his arrest growing out of his alleged failure to stop paying attention to his daughter of his neighbor David W Snyder

Critchfield was committed to the insane department of the Somerset county hospital some time ago when it was brought out that he had been incarcerated there for seven days before papers swearing to his mental condition were signed and filed by physicians His release was secured on a writ of habeas corpus and he returned to his farm According to Snyder however Critchfield resumed his attentions to his daughter He was arrested on a charge of threatening Snyder with a shotgun Critchfield maintained that while he had a gun in his hand he had no intention of using it having brought it along to hunt groundhogs with Critchfield was found guilty and will be sentenced later

OBLEY IS RE-ELECTED

West Newton Man Secretary of State Postmasters' Association.

At the closing session of the Pennsylvania postmasters convention at Harrisburg Wednesday F F Obley of West Newton was re elected secretary and treasurer Postmaster W D McGinnis of Connellsville retired as president and was succeeded by Horace Lehr of Easton Vice presidents are R T Hughes Jeannette John Rothe Pittston Frank C Sites Harrisburg Henry Good New Castle and W H Strauss Johnstown

Resolutions favoring a pension system for superannuated employes encouragement of marketing by parcel post and pledging efforts for the improvements of the service were adopted

The closing function was a banquet at which A Mitchell Palmer and James I Blakslee spoke

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Veterans to Have Fares Paid to Reunion at Uniontown October 5

Invitations are out for the seventh annual reunion of the Fayette County Veterans Association representing soldiers living in this county who served in 135 regiments of 11 states in the Civil War The date is Thursday October 5 and the place the city hall Uniontown

At 8 o clock A M the veterans will be enrolled and given badges The business session will be at 10 o clock and dinner at 12 The campfire will begin at 2 30 with an address of welcome by Mayor George M Bailey of Uniontown Comrades are requested to send self addressed stamped envelopes to W T Kennedy at Uniontown and transportation from the nearest West Penn station will be furnished

SCOTT FOR GOVERNOR

His Boom is Launched by Anti-Penrose Forces

PHILADELPHIA Sept 16—Anti Penrose leaders in the state and the Vares in this city have started a state wide campaign for Congressman John R K Scott for governor to succeed Governor Martin G Brumbaugh

They expect with the aid of the Progressives who have returned to the party to capture the Republican nomination two years hence Scott may be opposed by State Senator William S Sproul of Delaware county or by Congressman W W Griest the original Hughes man in the state and the leader of Lancaster county who is independent of both factions Scott's candidacy might precipitate a sharp state wide primary battle

Home From Funeral.

A W and W C Bishop returned home Saturday morning from Boyce Clarke county Virginia where they attended the funeral of Mrs S S Bishop wife of a former resident of Connellsville Mrs Bishop died as the result of complications following the birth of twins She was 34 years old and had only been married a year S S Bishop is 62

SAFETY FIRST IN EVERYDAY LIFE IS TOPIC OF SPEECHES

Interesting Meeting is Held in High School Auditorium.

EXPERTS GIVE GOOD ADVICE

Urge That Children be Taught in the Home and in the School to Avoid Mishaps; Co Operation Only Means of Keeping Down the Toll.

The Safety First rally conducted by the West Penn Friday night in the High School auditorium was attended by a small but appreciative audience About 45 men were present in all

Superintendent of Public Safety M B Pryce acting as chairman of the meeting introduced Charles B Scott of Chicago as the first speaker Mr Scott began his talk by defining the relation of public service companies to the public and explaining why it was fitting that the West Penn companies should be in charge of the safety meeting

Mr Scott divided accidents into three classes and spoke of each class in turn First there are public accidents he said which are caused by traffic in the streets Then there are industrial and domestic accidents each of these classes having a large percentage of the total deaths and injuries due to unnatural causes The relation of the three classes is close and the remedies similar Mr Scott said

The speaker gave some statistics on the number of men killed and injured while at work and also told of the thousands of deaths occurring every year which are due to trespassing

There should be a penalty for trespassing here as in England Mr Scott declared There is no other way to put an end to these unnecessary accidents

Mr Scott sketched a short history of the Safety First movement First he said manufacturers and officials committees were appointed and were expected to make things safe by passing rules and ordinances This system did not work and employers turned to the plan of erecting safeguards and making their plants fool proof This was a failure too and the officials soon realized that the only way to make Safety First a real proposition was to get the co-operation of the people Such co operation can be secured according to Mr Scott by holding a series of public safety meetings and so getting the people interested Then the children should be instructed at school in saving themselves from accidents

The really logical plan said the speaker is to start to teach Safety First in the homes then in the schools then let the municipal authorities take it up then the workingmen who finally should ask the co operation of their employers Instead of his the development has been just the opposite direction, beginning with the employers

Mr Scott concluded by saying that there is only one rule to insure safety and that is Think!

Samuel H Reed also of Chicago, gave a short talk illustrated with stereopticon slides in which he dwelt on home accidents and their prevention Domestic Safety First is just as important he said as Industrial Safety First though we hear much more about the latter Mr Reed's adress was interesting and the slides well chosen

APPLY IN WRITING FOR COUNCIL PLACE

South Connellsville Solons Adopt Novel Means of Filling a Vacancy

Any resident of South Connellsville who desires to become a member of the town council may file application in writing At their meeting Friday the councilmen decided not to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chris Kleabish until persons taking an interest in civic affairs had an opportunity to apply The precedent is a novel one in borough politics

Mr Kleabish's resignation was filed and accepted One application for the vacancy was reported but no action was taken on it. Bills to the amount of $179 23 were paid and the reports of the burgess and treasurer placed on file

The councilmen informally discussed the sewage and paving propositions but deferred action Members present were W S Trevitt who presided in the absence of President Langford R S Pierce Sherman Weaver B C Burkhart and Chris Kleabish

WORKS ONLY ONE WAY.

Confluence People Kept Out of Somerset but Latter Folks Not Under Ban.

Another odd result of the various elaborations of the state's quarantine against infantile paralysis is furnished in Somerset county where Confluence people are prohibited from going to the county seat yet Somerset folks go to and from Confluence with impunity

The Confluence residents say it is a poor rule that won't work both ways Somerset persons say the same thing

No Registration on Border.

HARRISBURG, Sept 16—In an opinion given by Attorney General Brown to Governor Brumbaugh it is held that the Act of 1864 regarding the right of soldiers in the field to vote applies to the Pennsylvania troops on the Mexican border and that registration is not necessary Soldiers may pay their poll tax by proxy.

POWDERED COAL AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NATURAL GAS

To be Used in Smelting Steel and Fuel for Railroad Locomotives.

EXPERIMENTS WITH COAL TAR

As a Fuel Indicate That a New Use For This Material of By-Product Coking May be Found; Railroads Can Use Lowest Grades of Coal.

Having suffered serious inconvenience and considerable loss through failure of natural gas as fuel, the American Steel & Wire Company at its Donora plant has been experimenting for some months past on powdered coal as a substitute. These experiments have progressed to the point of making a complete installation of a burner in one of the open hearth furnaces. The success of this experiment has resulted in other subsidiary enterprises of the United States Steel Corporation making similar installations. The Carnegie Steel Company is now using powdered coal in an open hearth furnace at Farrell, and is testing vaporized coal tar in another furnace at the same plant.

The powdered coal is introduced under blowing pressure into the combustion chamber through pipes. The heat produced is intense. Combustion of the coal is perfect, experts say. No smoke or waste is produced, all the heat being utilized in the most effective manner. To produce the best results in steel making coal of high grade and low in sulphur must be used. The process is said to be much more economical than using producer gas made from low grade coals and burned in ordinary gas burners.

The Carnegie Steel Company has not confined its experiments to powdered coal, however. In one of its open hearth furnaces there is now a burner for using coal tar, produced in the by-product coke works of the company at Farrell. Coal tar is a great heat producer, is relatively free from the possible impurities of high sulphur coal, and when applied to the furnace in the form of a burning spray, it has given exceptional satisfaction so far as tests go. If the success of the test is established a new outlet for coal tar as a coking by-product will be provided.

Powdered coal as a fuel is not an entirely new method of using it, though its use in this form has hitherto been restricted almost entirely to the employment of powdered anthracite in the ovens or retorts in which Portland cement is made.

Within the past year an eastern company has been experimenting with powdered coal as fuel for steam locomotives and claims to have obtained flattering results both in the way of economy of fuel and better sustained boiler pressure. A locomotive equipped with powdered coal burning apparatus has been in practical use on the Chicago & Northwestern railway for a year, and the results appear to have been satisfactory. The engine is used on a fast passenger run and has never failed in service. The combustion of the powdered coal is regulated very much as the use of gas in stationary engines. The pulverized fuel is forced into the fire box by air pressure and mixed with a certain proportion of air in the burners. Complete combustion results, eliminating both smoke and cinder. Tests with this engine show that for steam raising purposes lignite and other low grades of coal can be successfully used when properly pulverized.

The use of this locomotive has been in the way of an experiment. The results carefully tabulated by C. W. Corning chief smoke inspector of the Northwestern, show an increase over a like engine fired in the ordinary way of 13 per cent in evaporation, steam produced, 18 per cent saving in fuel and 4.7 per cent in tonnage hauled. Eastern railroads are making tests with powdered coal burners in engines used in fast passenger service.

On account of the high cost of imported coal and fuel oil in Brazil, and the coal reaching there in a condition averaging from 30 to 60 per cent fine dust and slack, the government has been investigating as to the use of domestic bituminous coal which is found in the southern part of that country, but which has yet been very little mined owing to its relatively inferior quality as compared with Cardiff and West Virginia coals. A locomotive is being built in this country and equipped with a powdered coal burner specially designed for service on the Central Railway of Brazil.

RAILROAD COAL.

Over 128,000,000 Tons Consumed by Carriers in 1915.

Statistics just made public show that the railroads of the United States used 128,200,000 net tons of coal in 1915. This amounts to about 24 per cent of the total output.

The bituminous mines furnished 122,000,000 tons, which is 28 per cent of their production, and the Pennsylvania hard coal region has supplied 6,200,000 tons, approximately 7 per cent of its production.

Ask Reduction in Price.

The New York Trust Company, trustee for bondholders of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, has petitioned the United States circuit court at Cleveland to reduce the price of the road from $18,500,000 to $8,000,000. The road is in the hands of receivers and has been offered at judicial sale a dozen times but no bids have been made for it at the price fixed by the court.

A THREATENED COAL SHORTAGE

In the Northwest Despite the Fact that Shipments are Greater Than Those of Last Year.

Despite the fact that coal receipts at the head of the lakes are far and away ahead of those of a year ago, the northwest at this time is facing a grave shortage of coal, indicated by stocks on hand. The answer, of course, is that much more coal is used, which is shown by the shipments from that point, says The Coal Trade Journal. The shipments are continually growing, and there seem to be no let-up in sight.

Never before in the history of the northwest have industries been working at such high pitch, and never before have so many new ones started as during this year. Nearly everything in a manufacturing way is working day and night crews, and of course these are consuming more and more coal. Coal is also being used up in greater quantities than ever by the railroads, for they are busier than at any other period in their history as a result of the prosperity which has hit the country in general. Old engines which have been apparently destined for the scrapheap have been pulled out again, repaired as much as possible and put to work. The railroads are adding to their equipment as rapidly as the locomotive works and car shops of the country can turn out the rolling stock and are utilizing everything new and old.

Another big factor in the increased demand for coal is the eagerness of country dealers to lay up stocks against the winter months. It is claimed that not in years, and perhaps never before, have country dealers shown such a disposition to take on advance stocks and not wait for the weather to force them to buy.

Still another reason for the increased showing of coal passing through the Soo Canals is the demand which the United States Steel Corporation is making for coal and bringing up to its own docks in its own boats. The Minnesota Steel Company's plant consumes an enormous amount of coal, and the corporation's railroads and mines a great deal more. This coal, which does not affect the commercial market, amounts to large figures.

All of the demand, despite the fact that receipts are heavy, leaves the supply of coal on the docks away short of what it should be. It is estimated that the shortage, as compared to last year, is fully 2,000,000 tons. The docks started off with a shortage of about that much and have not been able to catch up, and June was the only month which did not show a substantial increase in receipts. The season as a whole has had much greater receipts than last year, up to August 1st this year 4,190,000 tons having been received against 3,541,000 tons up to the same date a year ago.

A REHEARING

Will be Asked in the Valley Ore Rate Case by Several Furnaces.

Regrouping of points of destinations as suggested by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its findings the Valley Ore Rate Case decision promises to result in petitions for rehearing being filed by interests which would be given higher rates by the adoption of the commission's plan, says The Daily Iron Trade.

It has been reported that blast furnace interests in Leetonia, and Canal Dover, O., and New Castle, Donora, and Monessen, Pa., are particularly dissatisfied with the new plan of rate, especially that Leetonia, Canal Dover, and New Castle are taken out of the Youngstown group and placed in a new district, and given a direct ore rate of 61c per ton, or 5c a ton higher than the Youngstown group. Donora and Monessen are taken out of the Pittsburg district and placed in the Johnstown group, with a new rate of 94c, or 12c, a ton higher than the proposed Pittsburg rate.

Commissioner McChord, in his dissenting opinion, made particular objection to the taking of Monessen out of the Pittsburg district and giving it a higher rate.

ANOTHER EXTENSION

Indian Creek Valley Railroad Reaches Bakersville, Somerset County.

The Indian Creek Valley now has an extension reaching as far as Bakersville, Somerset county, and lumber cut by the McFarland Lumber Company is shipped down to Indian Creek station and thence to market over the Baltimore & Ohio. The lumber company recently built a standard gauge line from Jones Mill, the terminus of the Indian Creek Valley, several miles into Laurel Ridge mountains. Now the tracks have been extended to Bakersville, where no railroad ever reached before.

Travelers over the Somerset pike are amazed to find freight cars standing upon the tracks at the quiet little town. The old Kooser place, two miles above Bakersville, is one of the busiest places along the line due to the establishment of several lumber camps.

WAGES INCREASED.

McKeesport Tin Plate Company Gives Men a Boost.

The McKeesport Tinplate Company of McKeesport yesterday posted notices announcing an increase of wages of 10 to 20 per cent, affecting 1,700 men.

Next week seven new mills will be put on, making a total of 42 mills in operation. Later two more mills will be started.

With the plant in full operation, the payroll will be $4,000,000 a year.

August Car Purchases.

In August the railroads bought 7,979 cars, compared with 10,402 in June. Last March total purchases were 21,400 cars, and in January 30,200 cars. The full 12 months of last year the total number of cars bought was 160,000.

Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN POINTS — Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs.	ORIGINATING DISTRICT. C'ville Pitts'bg	W'moreland Fairmont	G'burg	Latrobe
Destination				
Baltimore, Md.	$2.00	$1.85	$1.79	$1.60
Chester, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.70	1.55	1.40	1.30
Johnstown, Pa.	.85	.80*	.80	.45
Lebanon, Pa.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50
New York, 37th St.	2.25	2.10	1.95	1.85
New York, Brooklyn	2.35	2.20	2.05	1.95
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Sparrows Point, Md.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Steelton, Pa.	1.72	1.57	1.42	1.32
South Bethlehem, Pa.	2.10	1.95	1.80	1.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R				
Greenwich, Pa.	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Greenwich, Pa., for Export	1.65	1.50	1.35	1.25
So. Amboy, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	1.95	1.80	1.65	1.55
Huramus, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Greenville, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Canton, Baltimore, Md.	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Canton, Md., for Export	1.58	1.43	1.28	1.18
To ATLANTIC PORTS, via B. & O.				
St. George, N. Y., Coal Piers	2.25	2.10		
St. George, N. Y., for Export	1.95	1.80		
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.75	1.60		
Philadelphia, for Export	1.65	1.50		
Curtis Bay, Balto., Piers	1.75	1.60		
Curtis Bay, Balto., for Export	1.58	1.43		

*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c.

The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville, Pa.; from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

TO WESTERN POINTS. — Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.	ORIGINATING DISTRICT. Pittsburg	Connellsville	Fairmont
Destination			
Canton, O.	$0.95	$1.10	$1.05
Chicago, Ill.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Cleveland, O.	1.00	1.15	1.15
Columbus, O.	1.00	1.15	.90
Detroit, Mich.	1.40	1.55	1.40
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Toledo, O.	1.25	1.40	1.25
Youngstown, O.	.70	.85	.95
Lake Ports	.78	.90	.90

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale, south to and including Brownsville and Brazuell on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston except Bruznell and all Monongahela River railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY RAILROADS

To Meet the Situation That Will Follow Passage of Adamson Law.

FREIGHT RATES MAY BE HIGHER

Manufacturing Interests Would Have to Carry the Substantial Part of the Burden; Railroads Not Likely to Ignore Law Before It is Tested.

With the Adamson law becoming effective on January 1, 1917, the next move on the part of the railroads to recuperate revenue which they will lose by enforcement of that measure is being watched with considerable interest, says the Washington correspondent of The Daily Iron Trade. The commission which is to be appointed by the President to determine the effect of the law on the revenues of the carriers is to report its findings in six months. But, as a matter of precaution and protection to their treasuries, it is thought the carriers may find it necessary to make plans to increase revenue before the commission has submitted a report. It is said the added revenue that will be required approximates $100,000,000 annually.

Such plans, necessarily, would provide for higher freight rates. There have been reports that the railroads, among other things, would seek to have the Interstate Commerce Commission grant rates they sought and were denied in both the eastern and western rate cases. In the former case iron and steel products were given higher rates, but proposed advances on these products in the western case were denied. It is considered not to be at all unlikely that still further advances in rates on iron and steel products in official classification territory would be sought. Manufacturing interests of the country, it has been estimated, pay approximately 65 per cent of the freight rates of the country, and a substantial part of this is borne by the steel trade. The effect that the 8-hour law would have upon the trade by reason of higher rates, it is readily seen, would be striking.

Whether certain railroads do or do not attempt to disregard the law pending a decision of the Supreme Court as to its constitutionality, it is the opinion that they will be forced to give heed to it as soon as it becomes effective. Congress apparently is showing no concern over the position of any railroad which may seek to ignore the law until its constitutionality has been passed upon. The general opinion is that inasmuch as it is to be an effective law prior to a possible repeal the railroads would be pursuing a mistaken policy in ignoring it, even if it is a decidedly vicious legislative measure. To comply with it, it has been pointed out would show that it is ill-devised and that public opinion itself, rather than the railroads, could pass more quickly on it and have it wiped form the statute books.

MAKING PROGRESS.

Wheeling & Eastern Securing Rights of Way Along Proposed Route.

Chief Engineer W. M. Jacobus of the Wheeling & Eastern railroad states that steady progress is being made in the enterprise. In addition to the rights of way having been secured in West Virginia, the company has obtained several grants of free right of way in Richhill township.

A corps of engineers has been at work between Graysville and Waynesburg surveying some contemplated changes in the location of the road.

Electric Furnaces in Operation.

The Hudson Reduction Company at Latrobe, is now operating 33 electric smelting furnaces in the manufacture of ferro-tungsten and tungsten metal.

P. R. R. WILL ENTER DETROIT

At an Expenditure of $40,000,000 Will Reach the Straits City; New York Central Will Retaliate.

The Pennsylvania railroad is about to enter upon the completion of a plan whereby it will gain entrance to Detroit, Mich., at an estimated expense of $40,000,000. If accomplished this will be the culmination of 25 years' effort to reach this important freight producing point. Plans to circumvent its rivals, the execution of which is about to be undertaken by the Pennsylvania, have been in process of forming for the last three years.

According to an official announcement rails of the Pennsylvania system will be extended from Toledo to a junction with those of the Pere Marquette at a point outside the city limits of Detroit, whence, for passenger traffic, the latter's tracks will be utilized to the fine new Fort street station in the heart of the city.

The impending invasion, by the Pennsylvania lines of the Detroit territory, heretofore accounted by the New York Central system as its exclusive preserve, will lead to the adoption by the latter of retaliatory measures. The New York Central, unless outbid when the Wheeling & Lake Erie is offered for sale by order of the Federal court, at Cleveland, will purchase the line.

If this property is acquired the step will be taken to reach the great steel producing Steubenville-Wheeling district, from which the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & Ohio have succeeded in excluding all other actual competitors. Through its subsidiary, the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling railroad, the New York Central now gets as far as Dillonvale, where it connects with the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

In this same connection it is an open secret that quite recently the New York Central was considering the feasibility of bridging the Ohio river at Wellsburg and extending the Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling from Dillonvale to that point, which for a time was expected to be the starting point for a line across the West Virginia panhandle and into Pennsylvania to another point on the Youghiogheny river below Connellsville, to which the rails of the Western Maryland were to be extended. This last-mentioned scheme has now, it transpires, been abandoned in favor of the one involving the acquisition of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad.

RAILROAD INVESTIGATION

Congressional Committee to Begin Hearings on November 20.

The joint congressional committee appointed to investigate the general railroad problem decided to begin hearings November 20, after the election is over.

Under the resolution creating the joint committee, it is empowered to investigate the subject of government control and regulation, the efficiency of the present system in protecting the rights of shipper and carriers, and all proposed changes in the organization of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is also instructed to investigate the subject of ownership of railroads and other public utilities and report upon the wisdom of government ownership.

Coal by Parcel Post.

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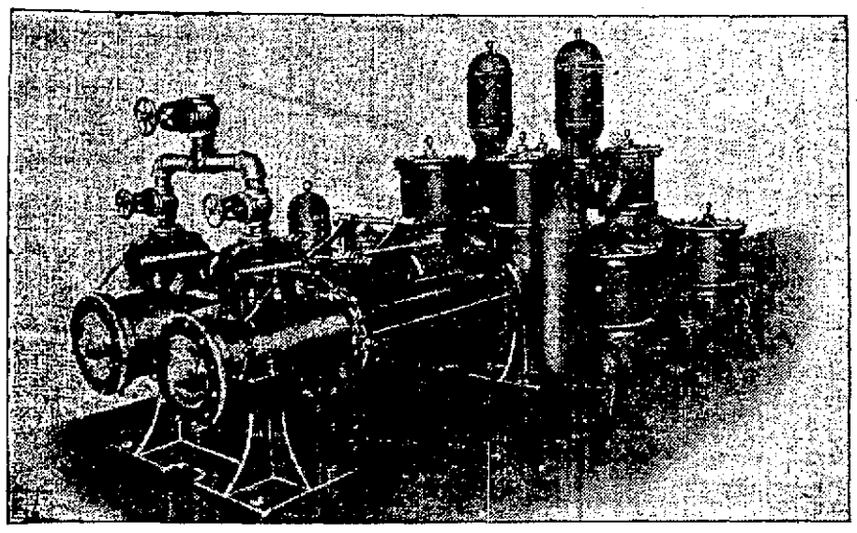

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